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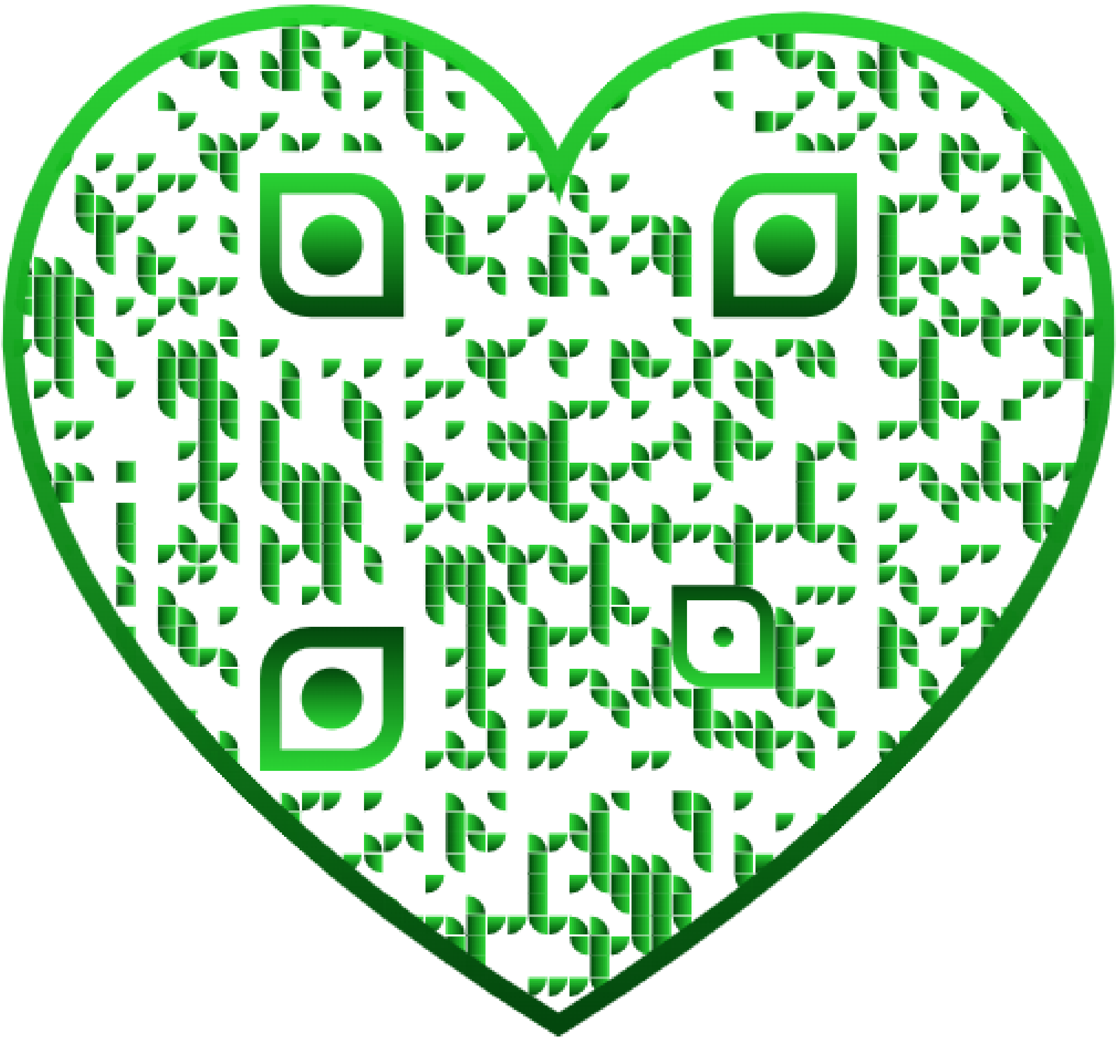

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TALKING TACTICS!

■ *Before you take to the pitch with your team, here are some tips worth remembering to help you dominate the game in* ***EA SPORTS FC 25****!*

DODGE DEFENCE

■ Use Skill Moves at the right time to create goal-scoring opportunities! Fake Shot is a basic but effective move that will send defenders in the wrong direction.

TACTICAL FOULING

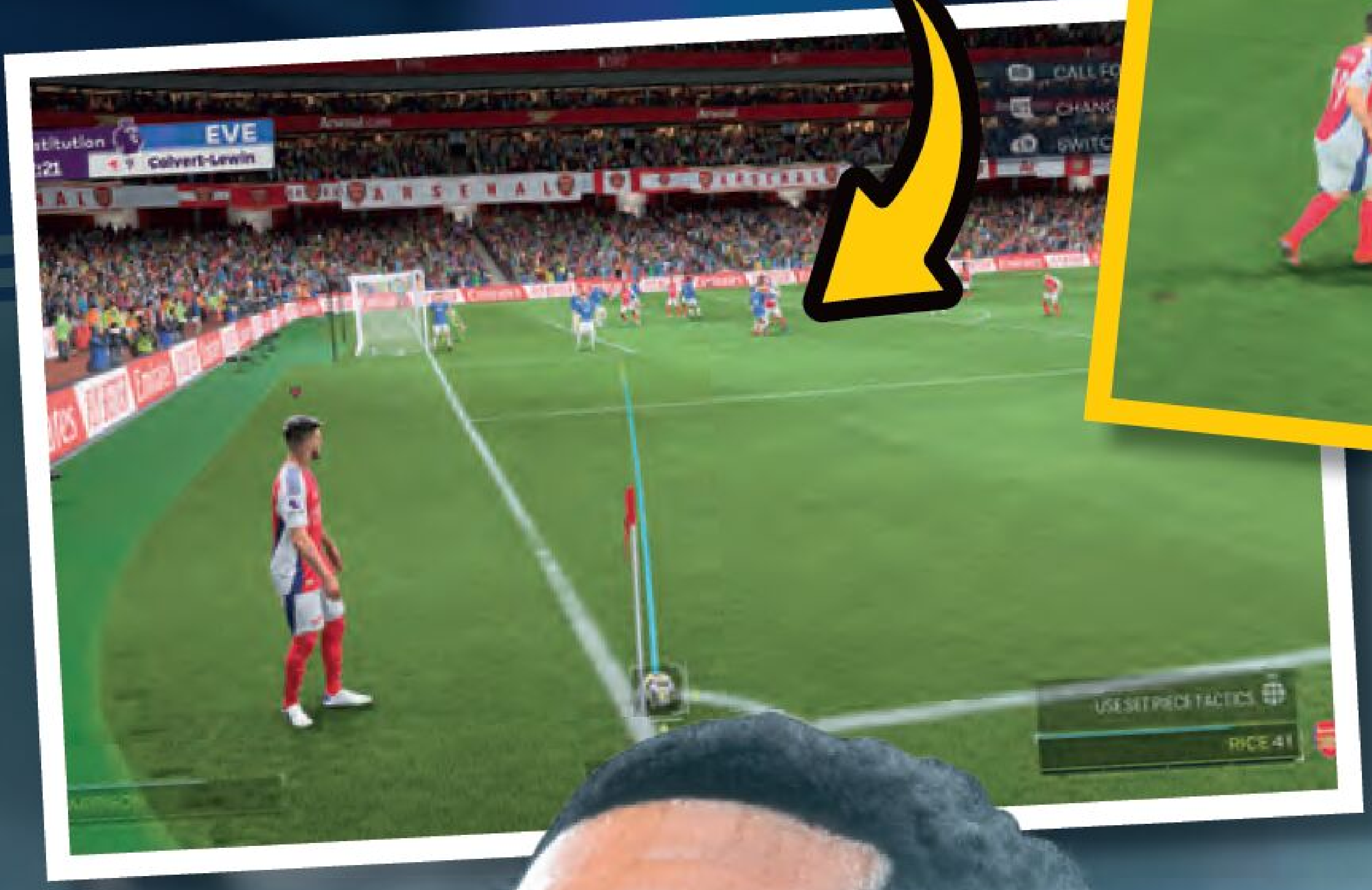
■ Professional fouls can stop attacks, but doing it too often will result in a yellow or red card. Be strategic with it and remember to use a player who hasn't already been booked!

THROWING SMART

■ To keep possession safe, use short, accurate throws. If you spot a chance, a long throw can reach players further up the pitch, shifting the attack and catching the defence off guard while keeping control of the ball!

CORNER KICKS

■ In a corner kick setup, aim for the back post or the penalty spot where taller players can out-jump defenders for a powerful header!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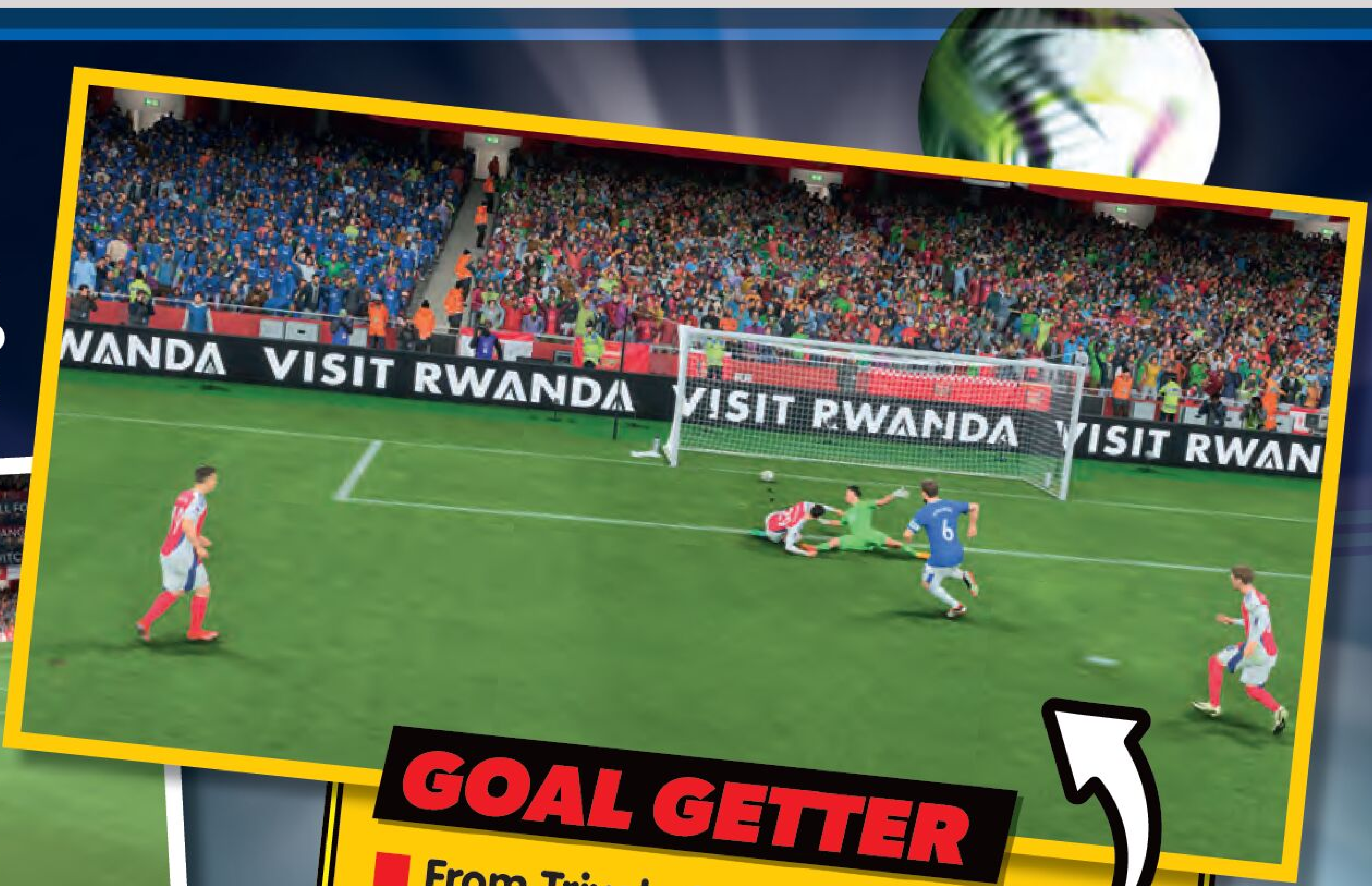
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GOAL GETTER

■ From Trivela to Finesse, there are several ways to get the ball in the back of the net. If you're ever unsure, a regular shot is always a solid choice!

TOP TIP

Always make sure your target is in a good position to receive the ball!

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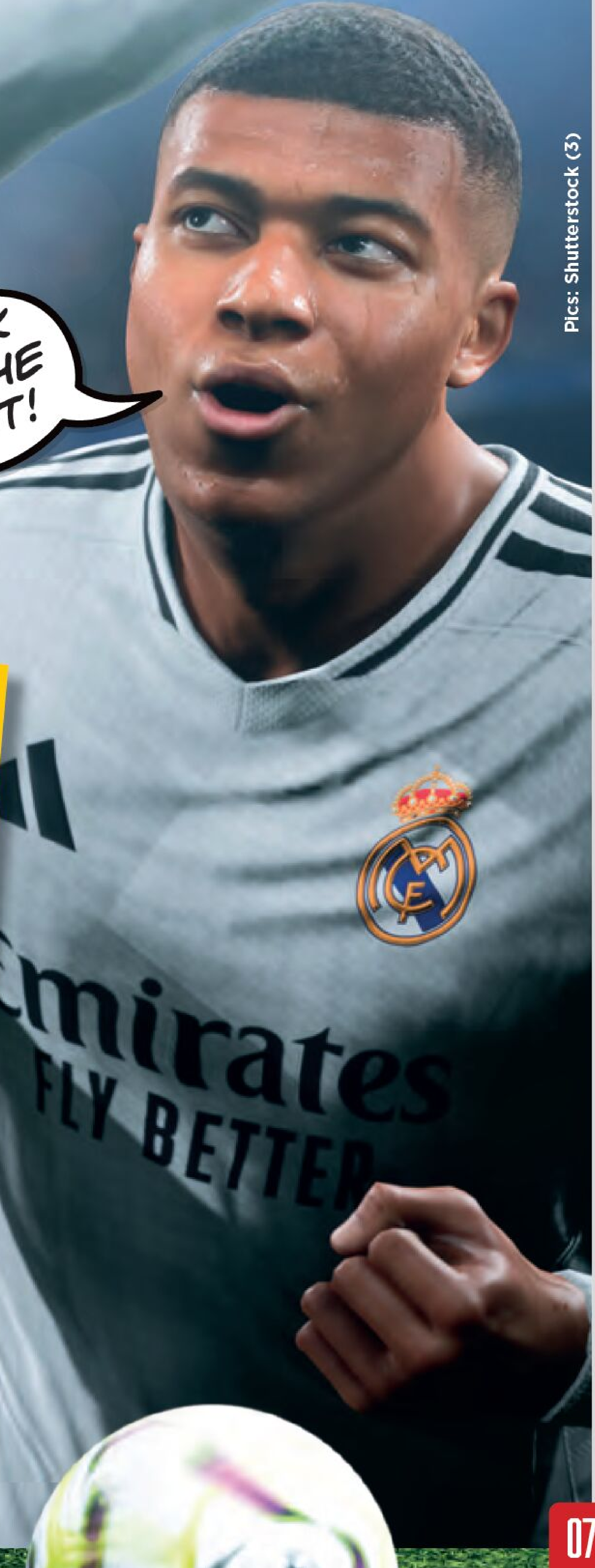
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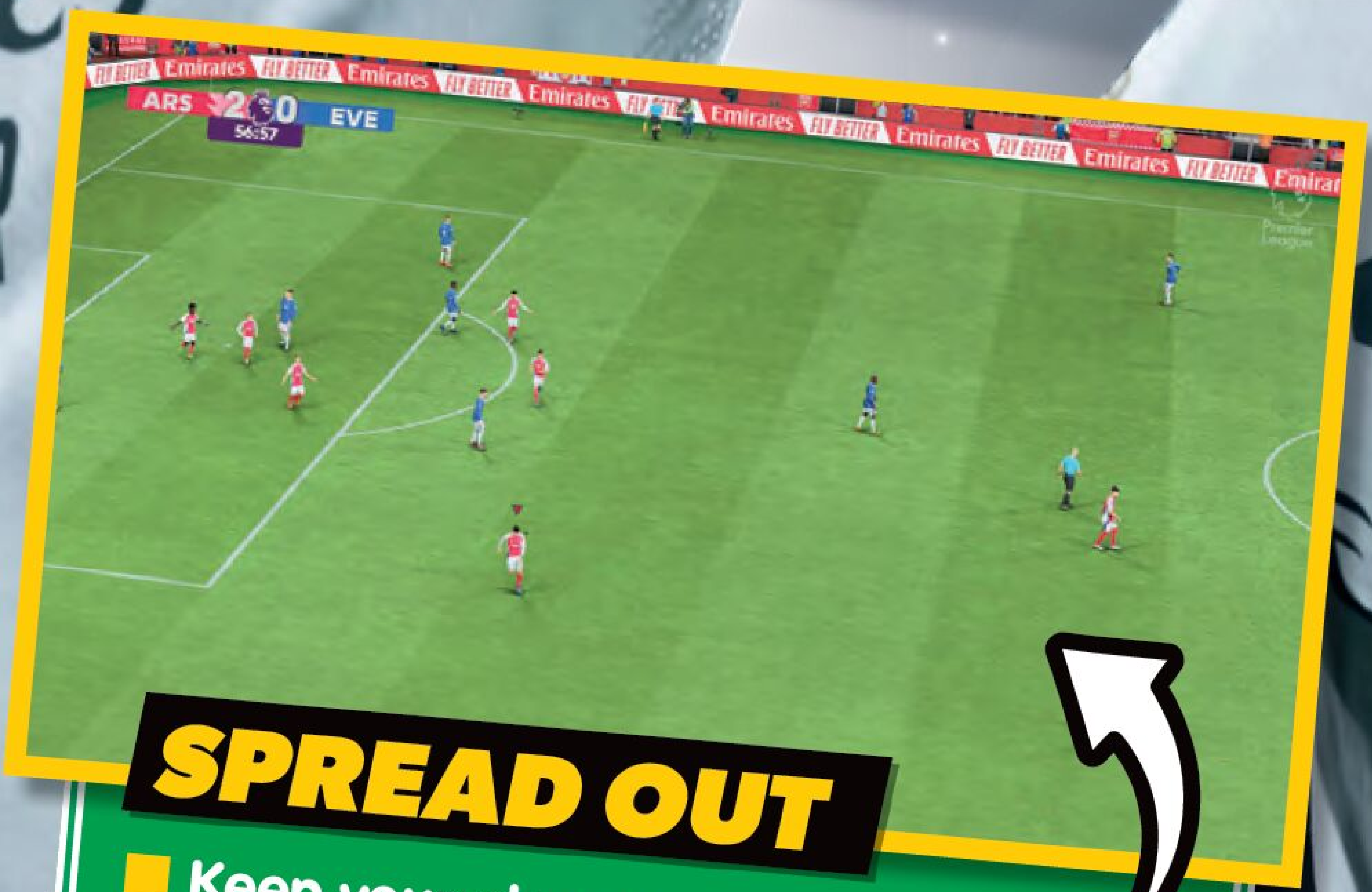
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SPREAD OUT

■ Keep your players spread out and covering the entire pitch. This creates more passing options which is crucial when the opposing team pressures you!

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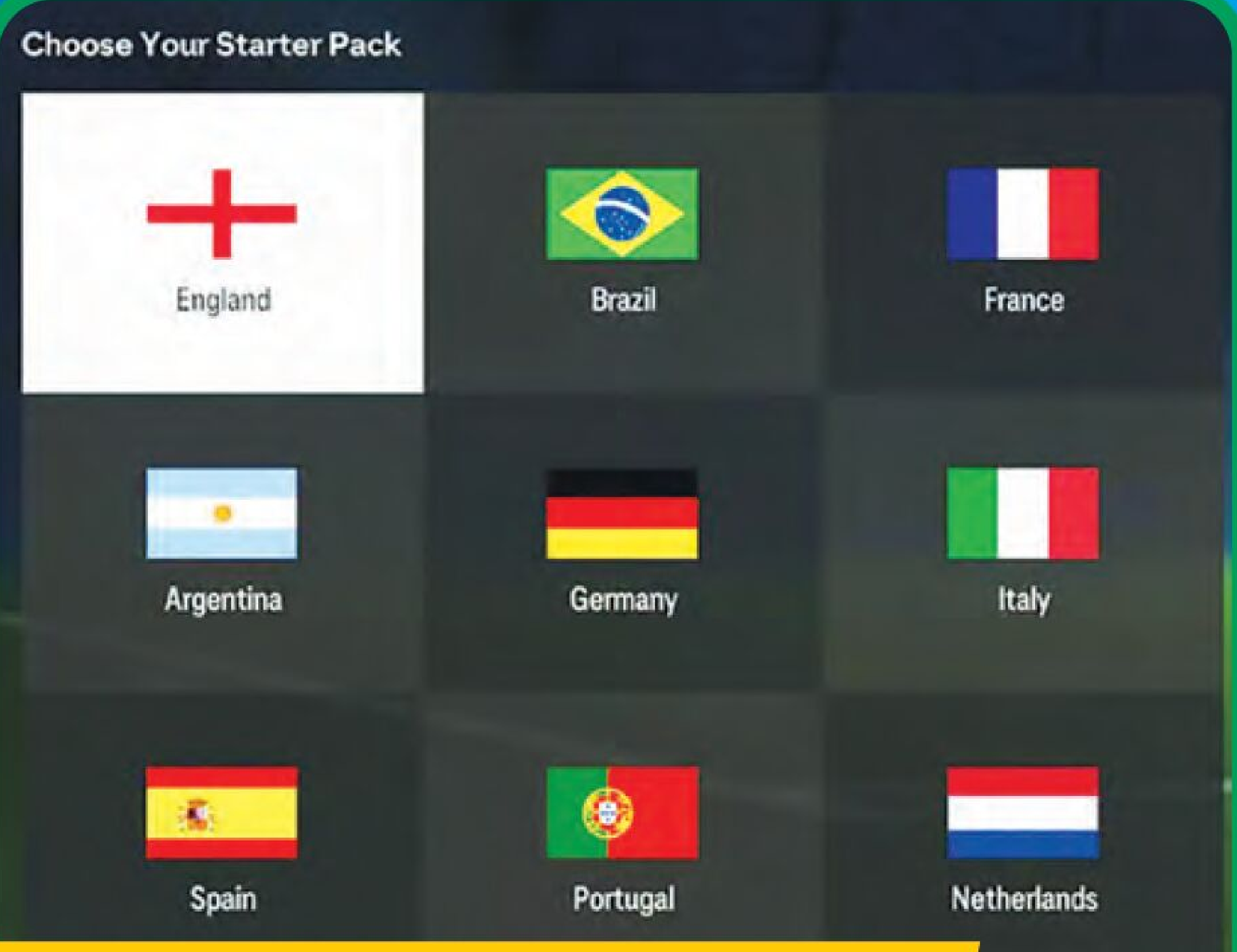
ULTIMATE TEAM TIPS!

■ Ultimate Team is the most popular mode in **FC 25** and gamers from around the world compete in Division Rivals and Champions. If you want to succeed in Ultimate Team, then follow these tips to maximise your chances!


Choose Your Starter Pack
England
Brazil
France
Argentina
Germany
Italy
Spain
Portugal
Netherlands

STARTER PACK

■ When you first begin Ultimate Team, you'll select a starter pack – based on one nation. You can select from nine big nations in the game, including England, France, Spain and Brazil. Choosing from the likes of Spain or France is sometimes a better option than England given they have more cheap players available to snap up.

LOAN PLAYER

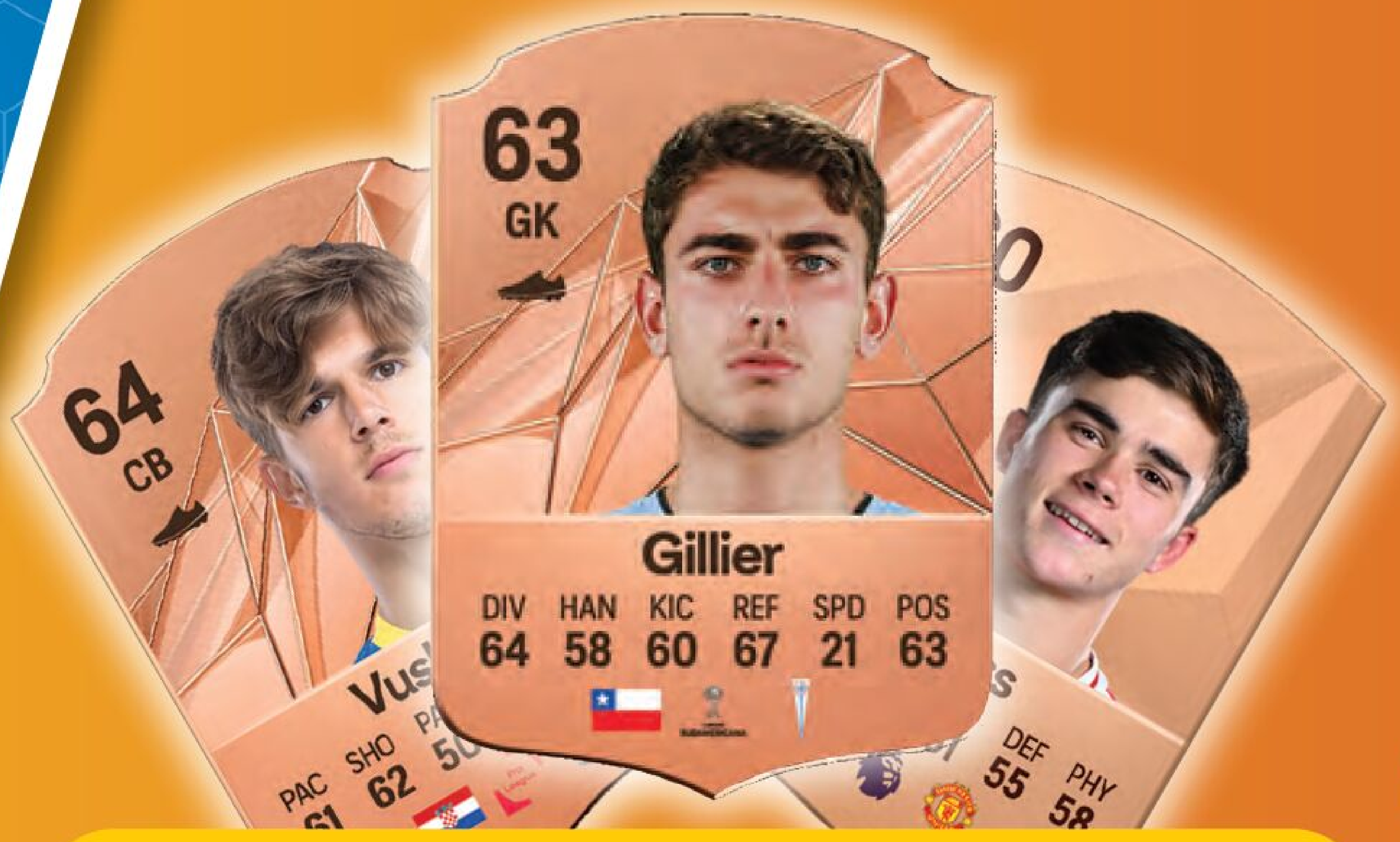
■ At the outset you can also choose a talented loan player to join your team for a few matches. Decide what position you want to have a top player in the most and then choose a loan player who plays there.

OBJECTIVES

Whether it's seven sets of simple initial challenges such as 'buy one player' or 'play a Rivals match' or more complex Squad Building Challenges, these are an important part of FC 25 Ultimate Team. If you regularly complete them, you can earn XP, packs and coins.

VALUE

The value of players can go up and down. It's important to keep an eye on the market and try to take advantage of price fluctuations. You might choose to sell a player while his value is high to reinvest in other players. Some good players may also be selling cheap for a time, making it a good time to buy!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BRONZE

Buying cheap bronze packs to start off with and then selling a few players from each pack can be another way to build up a profit.

OFFLINE MODE

At the start of the game your team will be lacking in quality across the pitch, it's therefore best to start in the Squad Battles offline mode. Here you can choose any difficulty from beginner to Ultimate, giving you the chance to build confidence and earn more points.

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EVOLUTIONS

Evolutions allows you to upgrade lower-rated cards via challenges, which could lead to some of your players becoming super-powered. Look out for free cards early on.

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CHEMISTRY

Once you've earned some virtual coins by completing tasks and winning matches, you'll want to get on with building a top team. In FC 25, you can get a team chemistry of 33. A player's chemistry depends on his team-mates. If one player has a link to another via their nationality, league they play in or club they play for, then the chemistry they have together will be higher.

PATIENCE

Building a top team takes time. You'll need to build up virtual coins and get lucky with any packs you open. With coins in the bank, it's tempting to rush into buying players right away. However, you might buy players for positions you're already strong in or that aren't any better than what you already have, so always think it through!

Transfer Market
Squad
Club
1-2-1-2
Help

FORMATION

It's important to choose a formation that suits your playing style. You'll be playing in lots of matches, and you'll enjoy it more if you can master a style that works for you. It's important also that you have players that fit the formation.

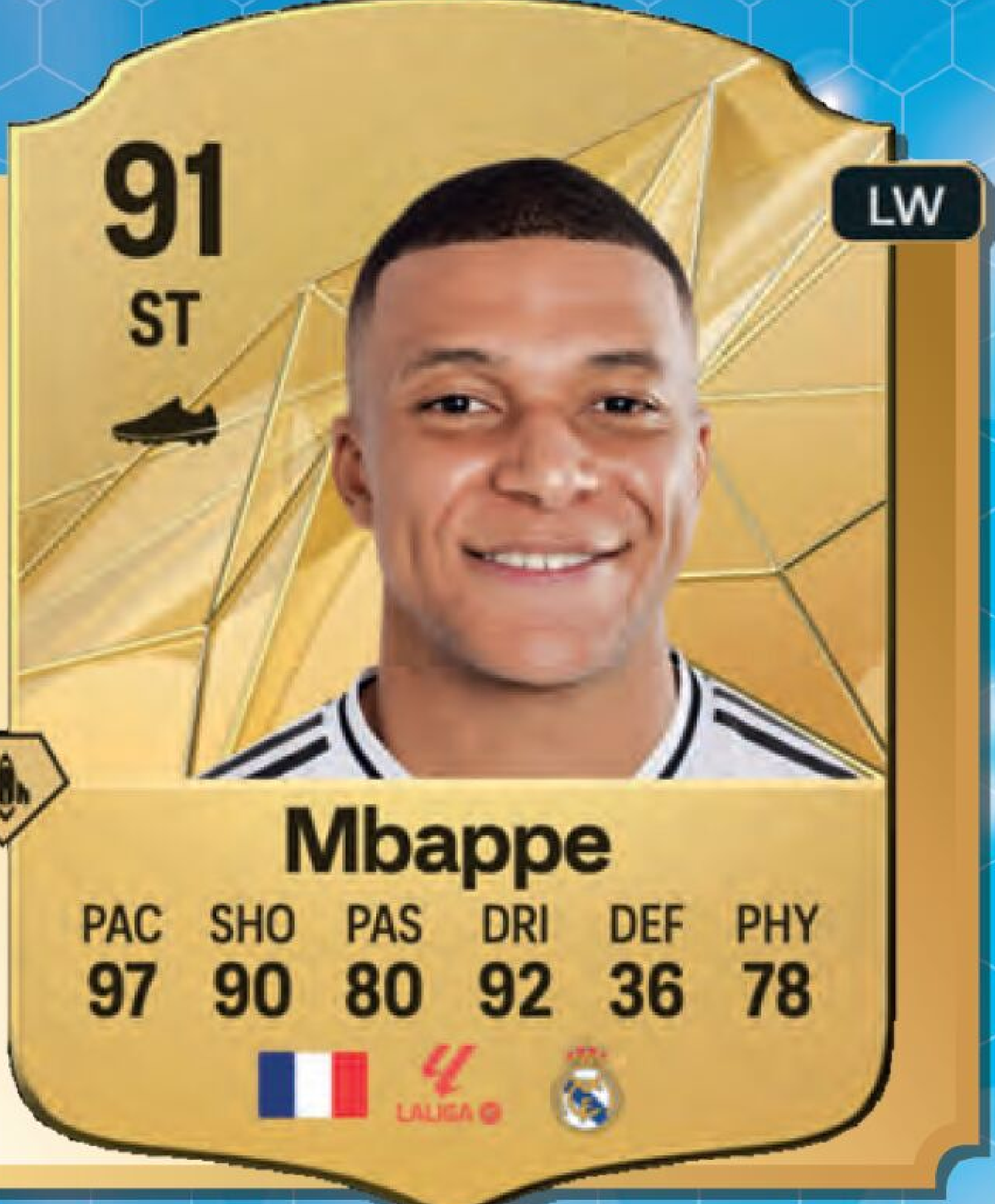
TOP 20 EA SPORTS FC25 PLAYERS!

Want to know the top 20 highest rated players in **EA SPORTS FC 25**? Then look no further...

1 KYLIAN MBAPPÉ

(ST, REAL MADRID) – 91

Mbappé may have had a tricky start to life at Real Madrid, but he remains one of the world's greatest players and is more than worthy of his 91 rating!

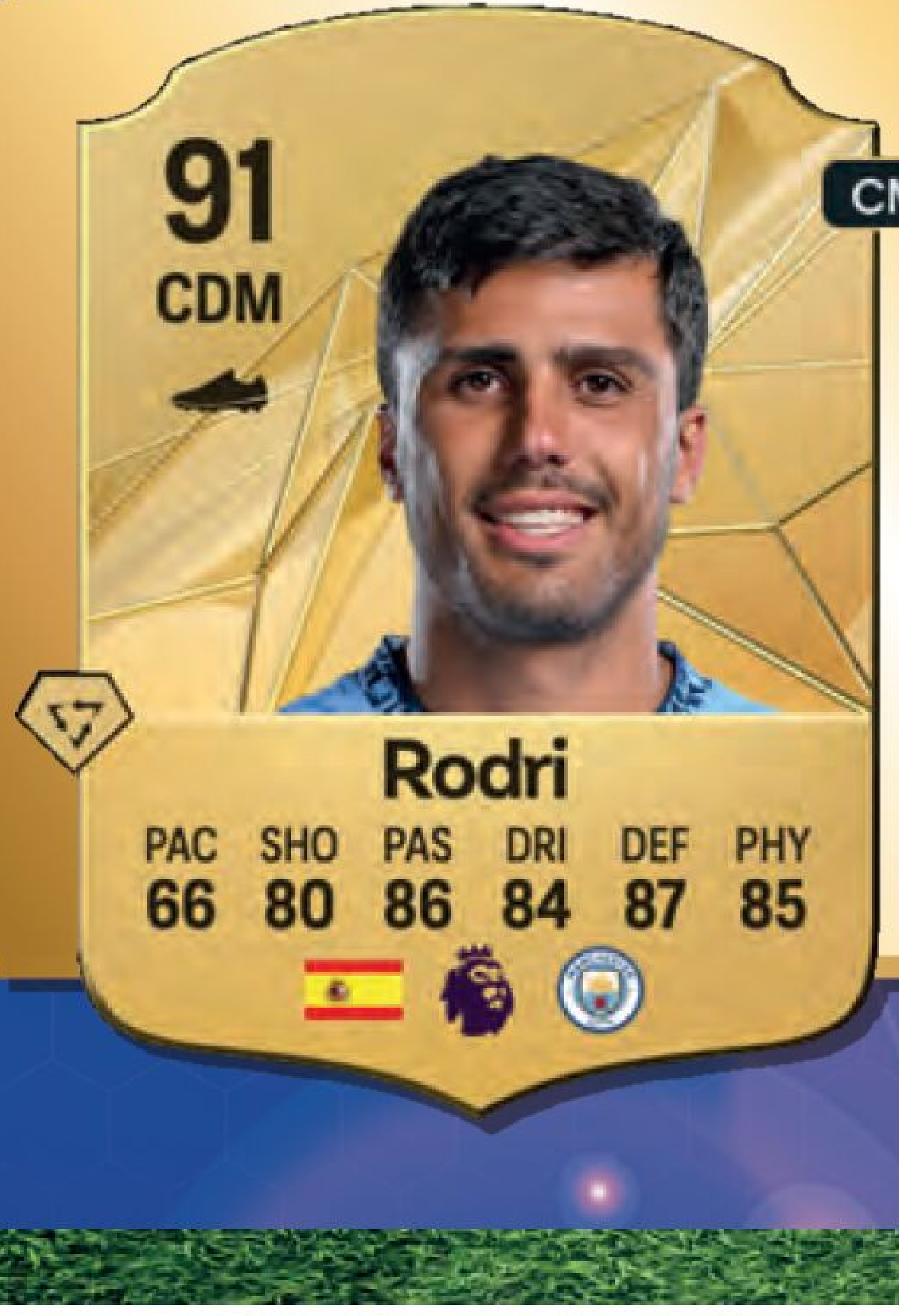


PAC	SHO	PAS	DRI	DEF	PHY
97	90	80	92	36	78

2 RODRI

(CDM, MANCHESTER CITY) – 91

In October 2024, **Rodri** became the first Manchester City player to win the Ballon d'Or, cementing his place at the best defensive midfielder on the planet.

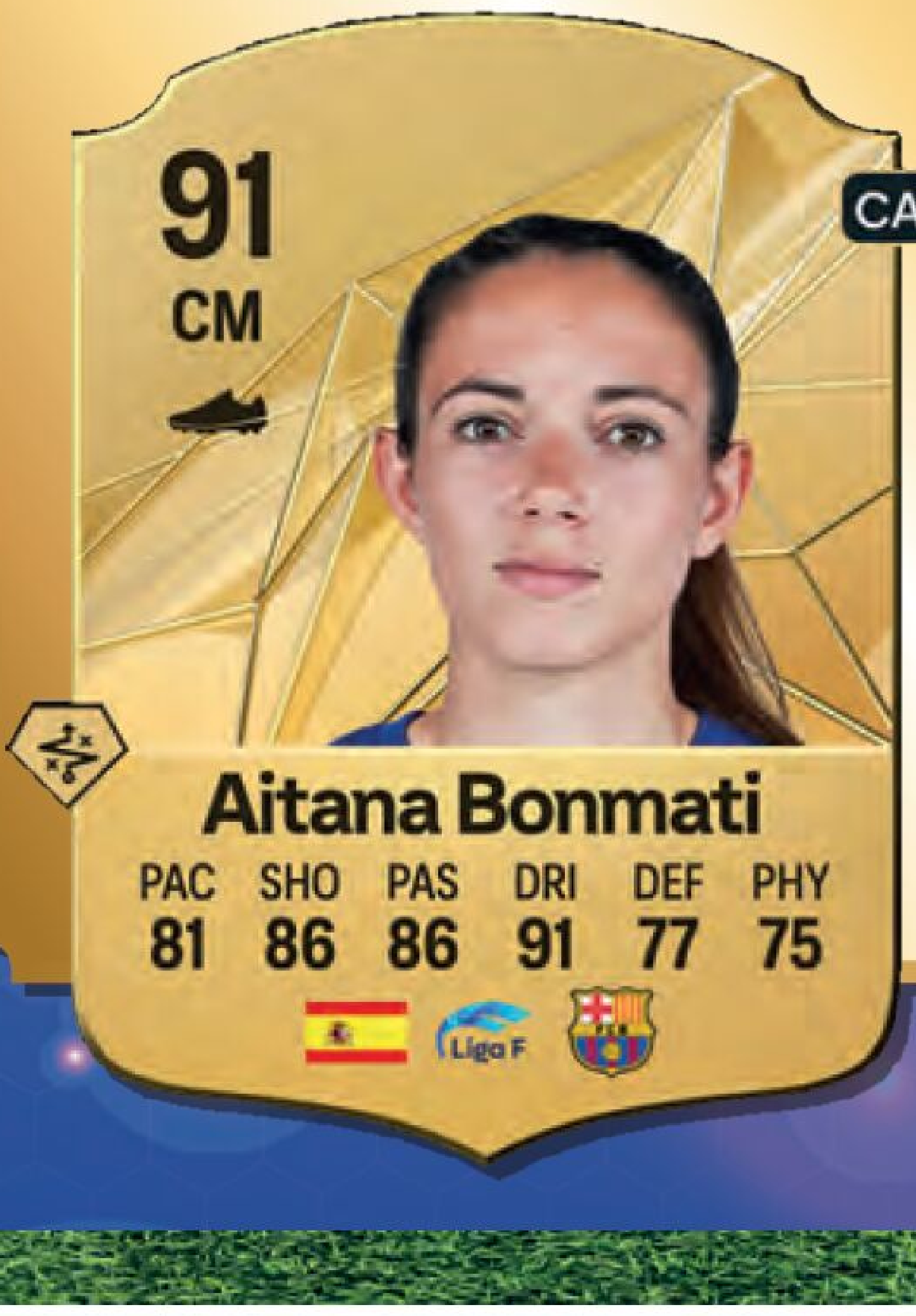


PAC	SHO	PAS	DRI	DEF	PHY
66	80	86	84	87	85

3 AITANA BONMATI

(CM, BARCELONA) – 91

Like **Rodri**, **Aitana** won the Ballon d'Or, making her the greatest women's footballer in the world.

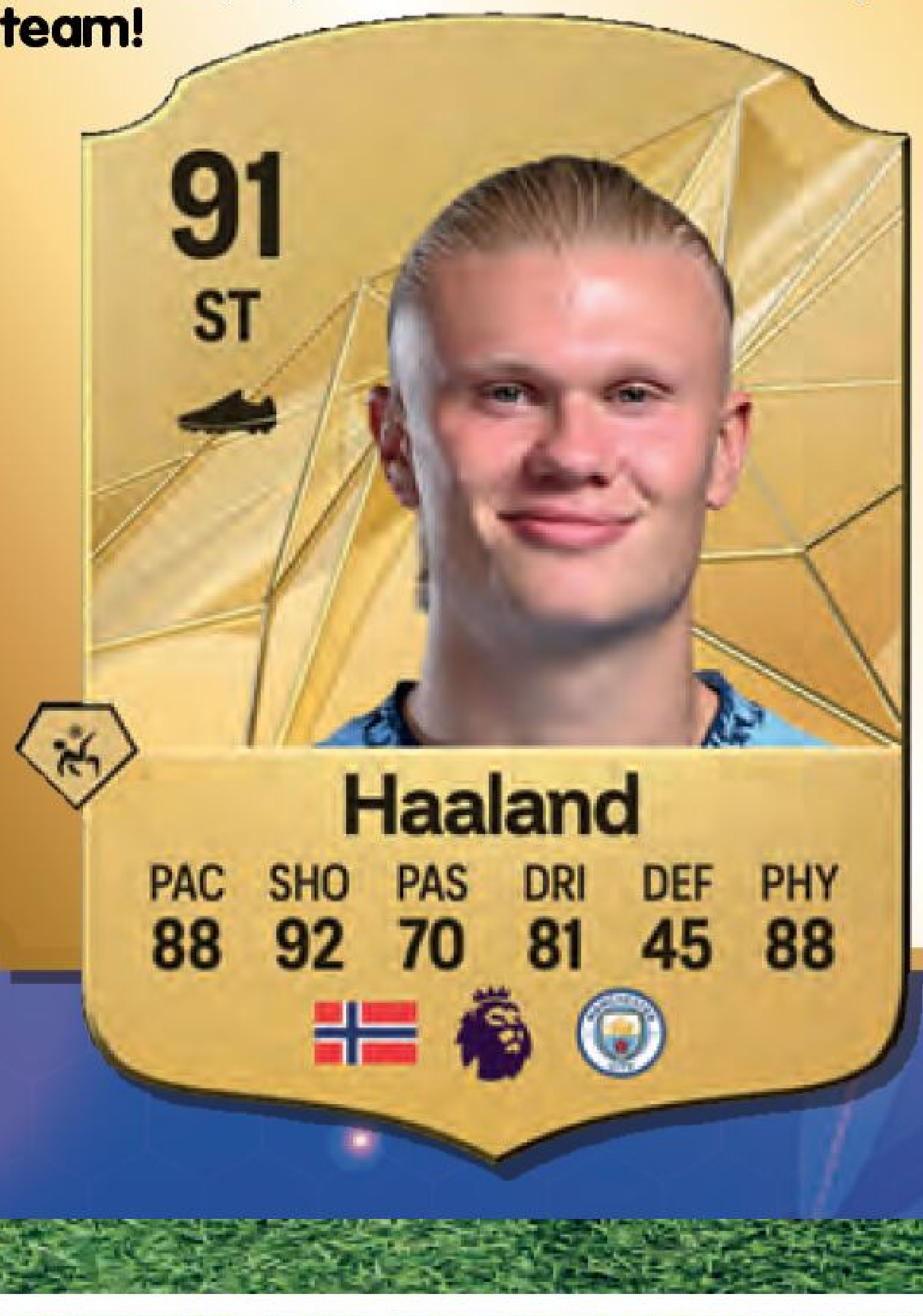


PAC	SHO	PAS	DRI	DEF	PHY
81	86	86	91	77	75

4 ERLING HAALAND

(ST, MANCHESTER CITY) – 91

After a second successive Premier League Golden Boot season in 2023/24, **Haaland** may feel he should be **FC 25** top dog. Either way, he's not far off top spot and an asset to any team!



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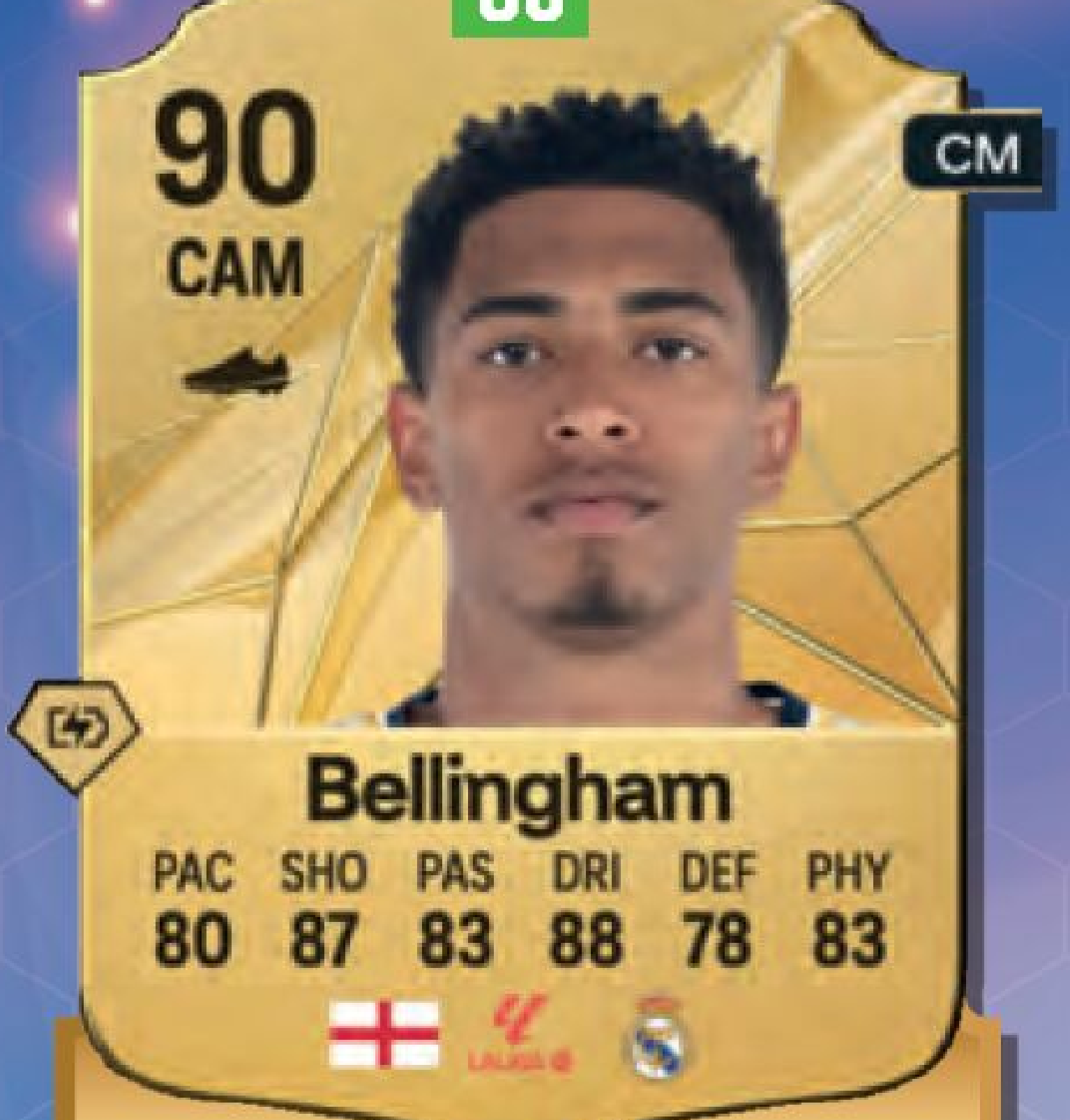
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JUDE BELLINGHAM
(CAM, REAL MADRID) - 90

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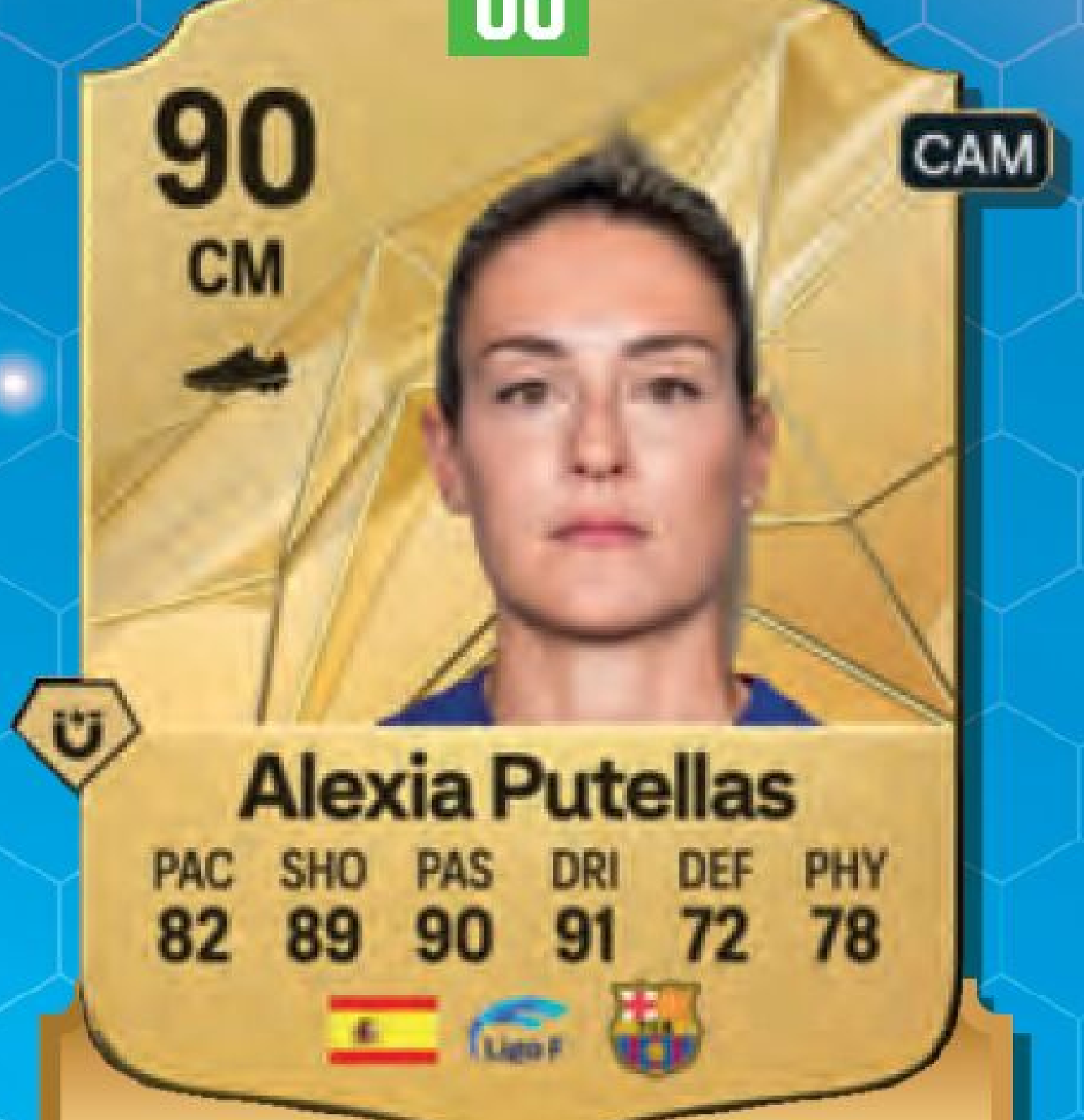
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ALEXIA PUTELLAS
(CM, BARCELONA) - 90

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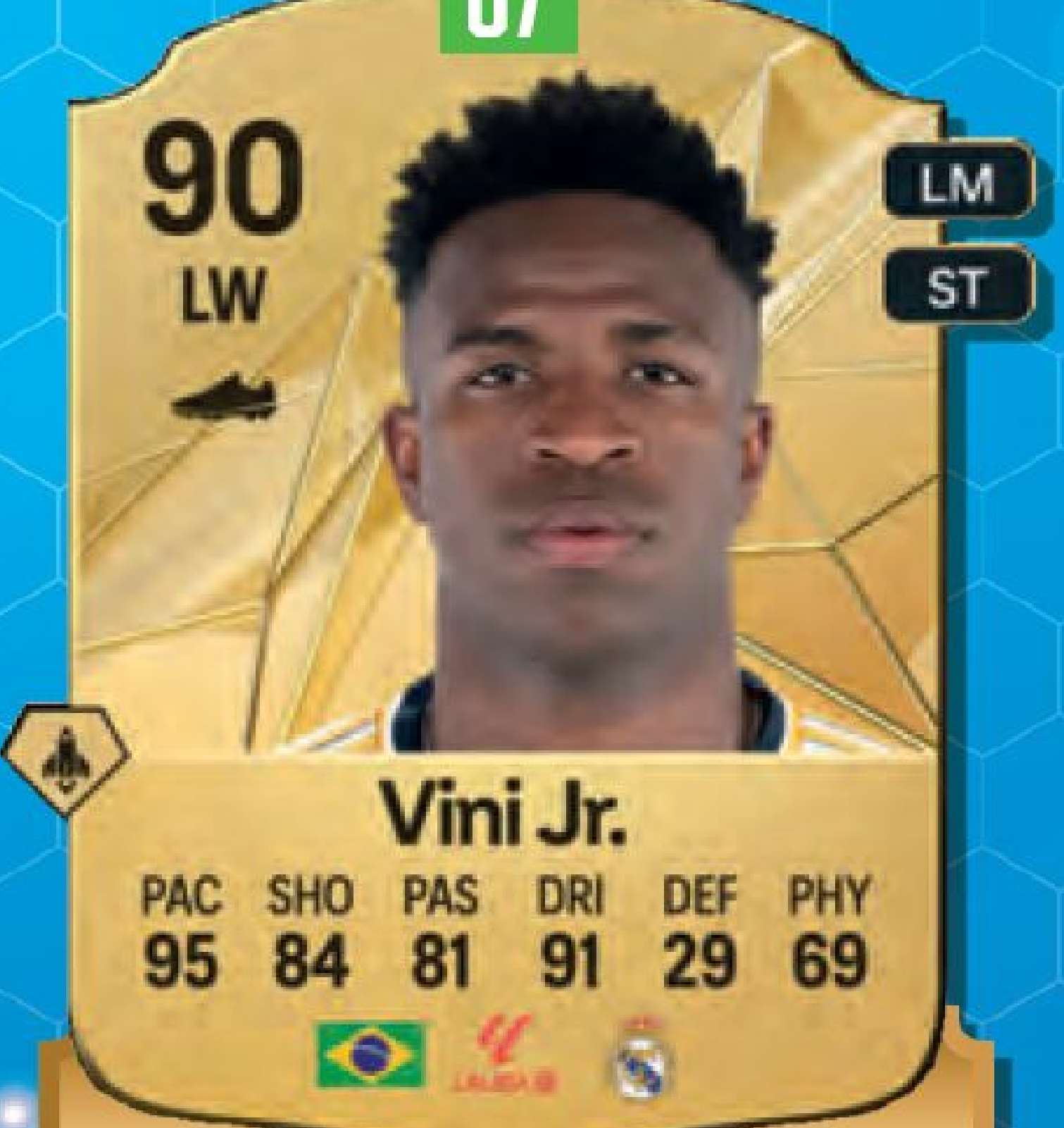
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VINI JR.
(LW, REAL MADRID) - 90

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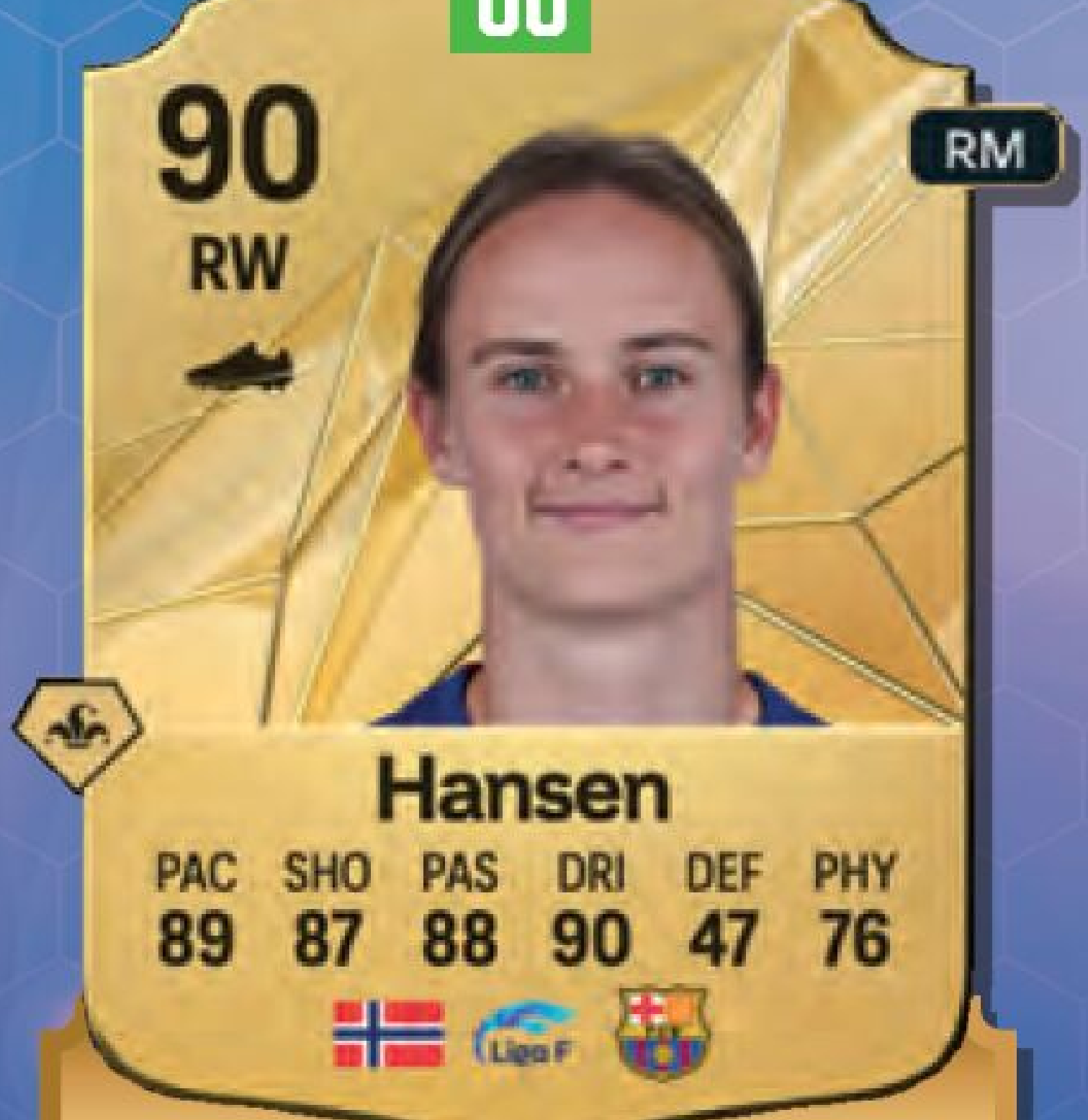
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(RW, BARCELONA) - 90

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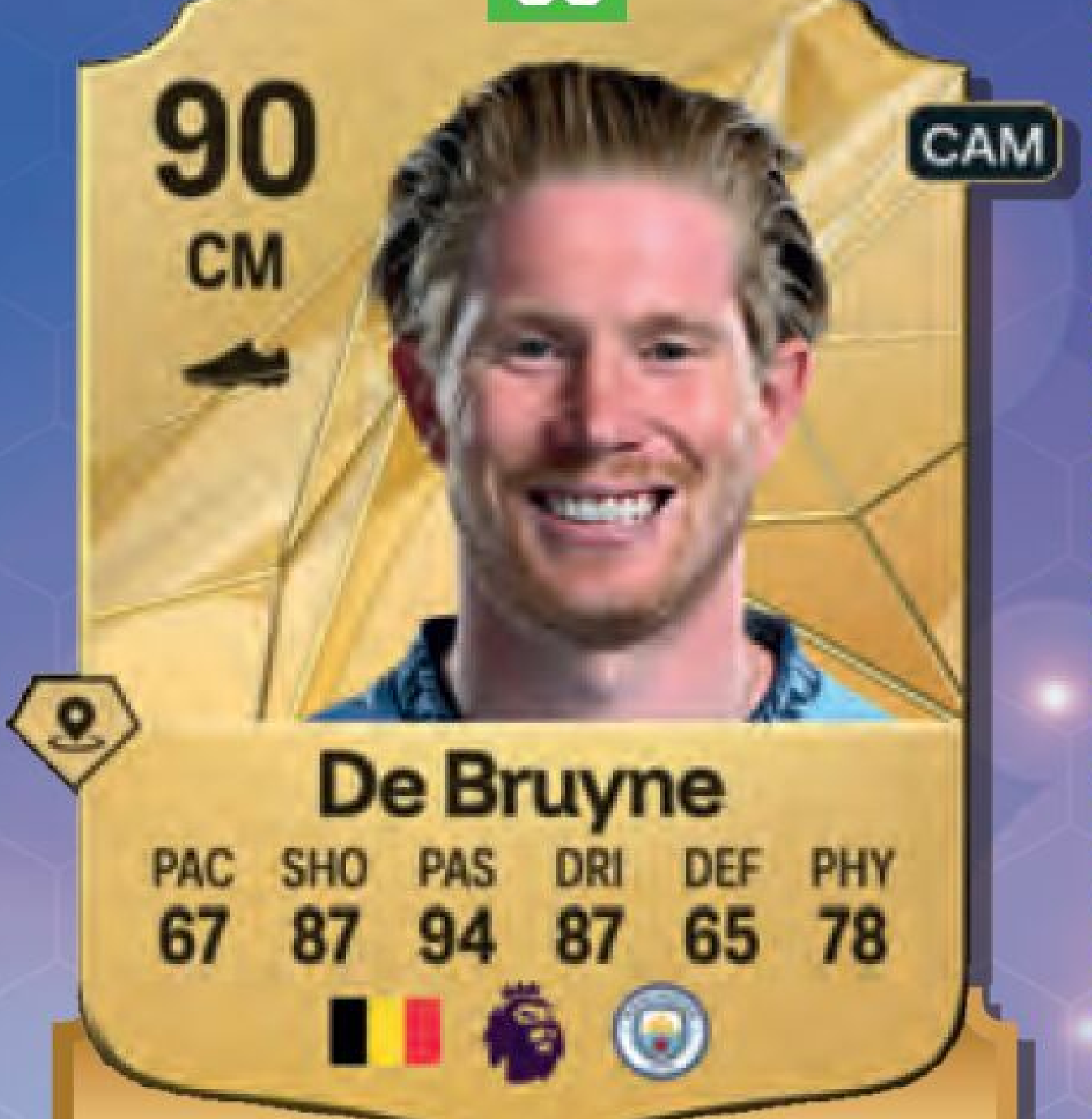
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(CM, MANCHESTER CITY) - 90

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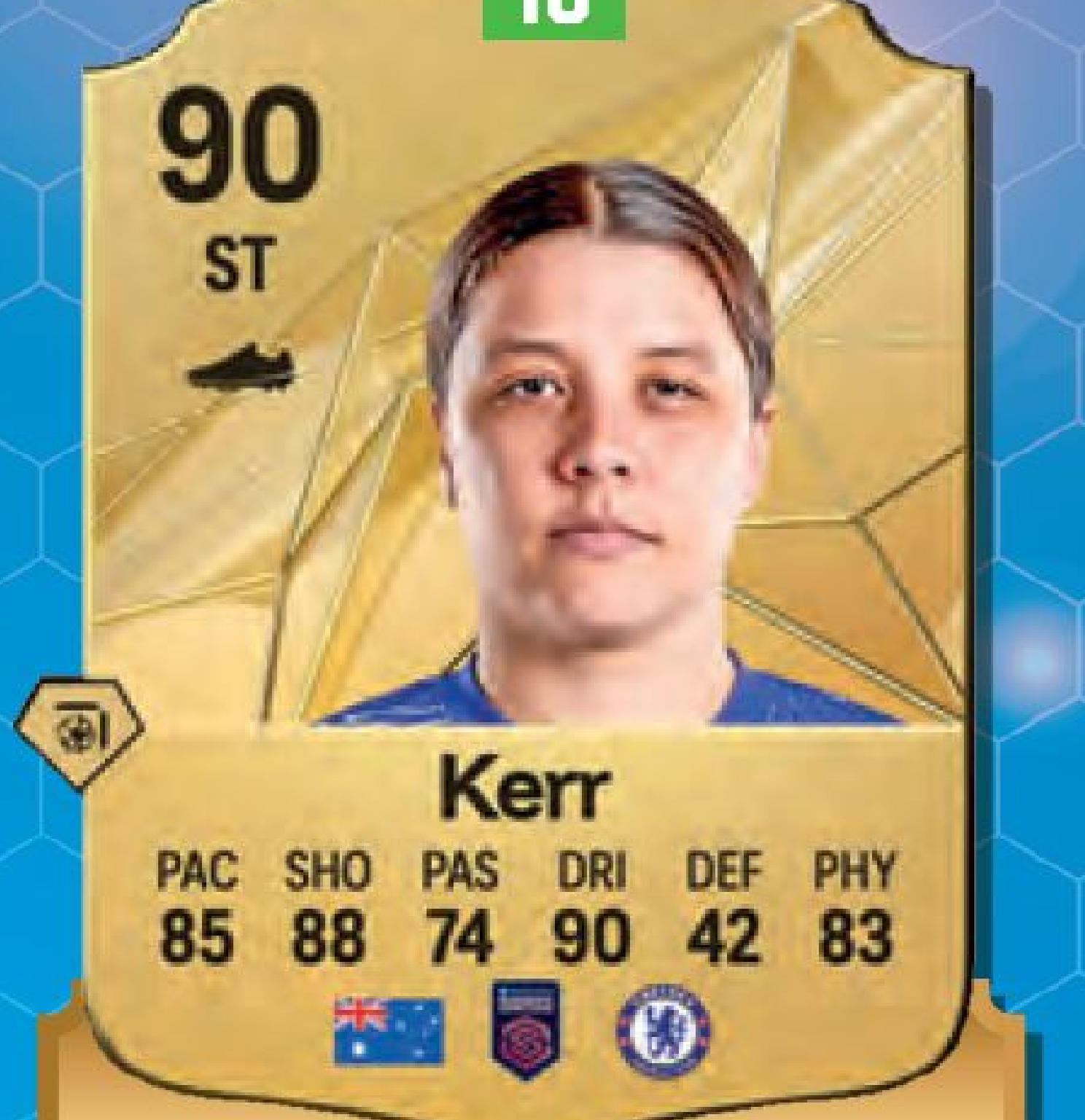
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SAM KERR
(ST, CHELSEA) - 90

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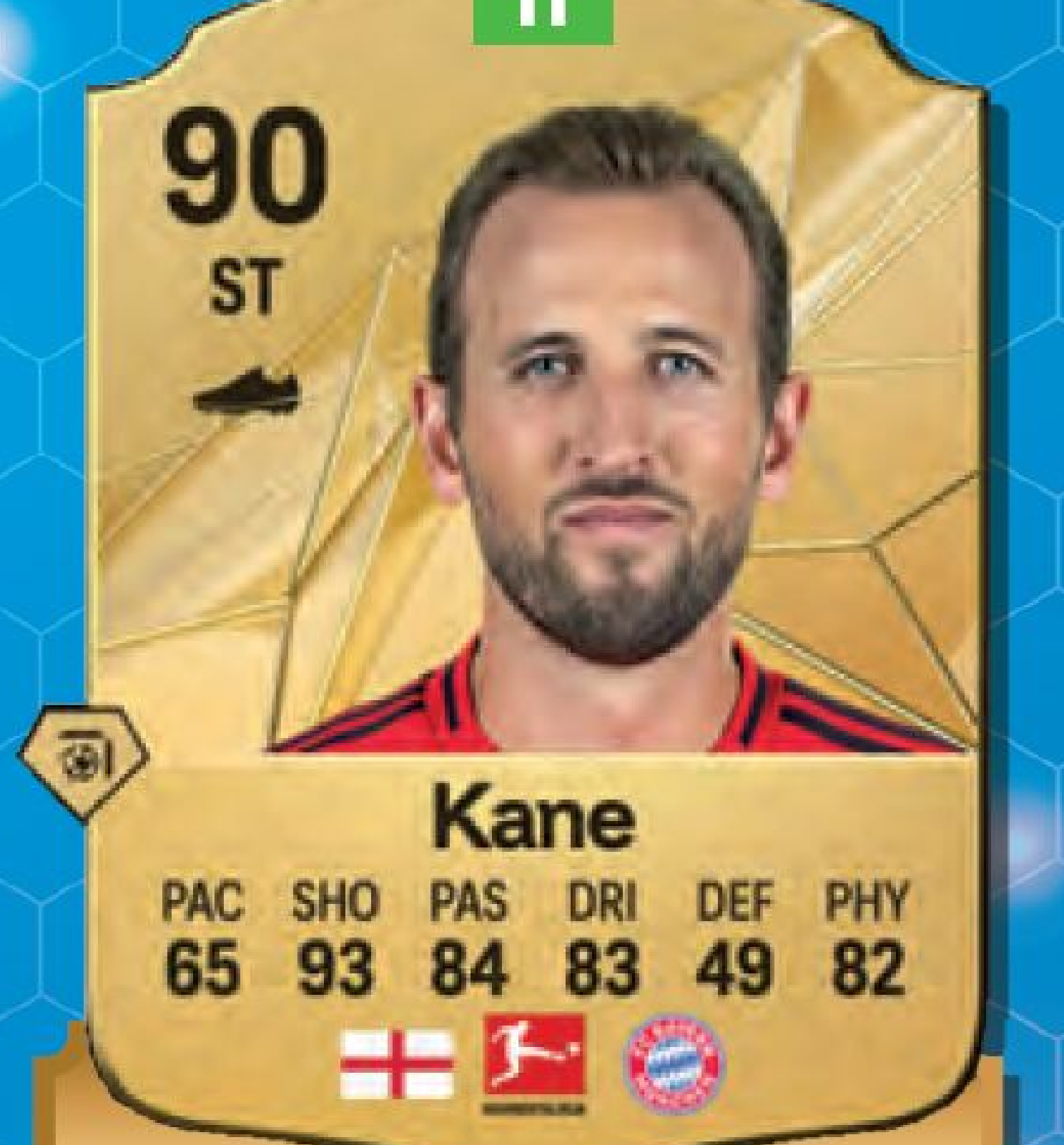
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HARRY KANE
(ST, FC BAYERN) - 90

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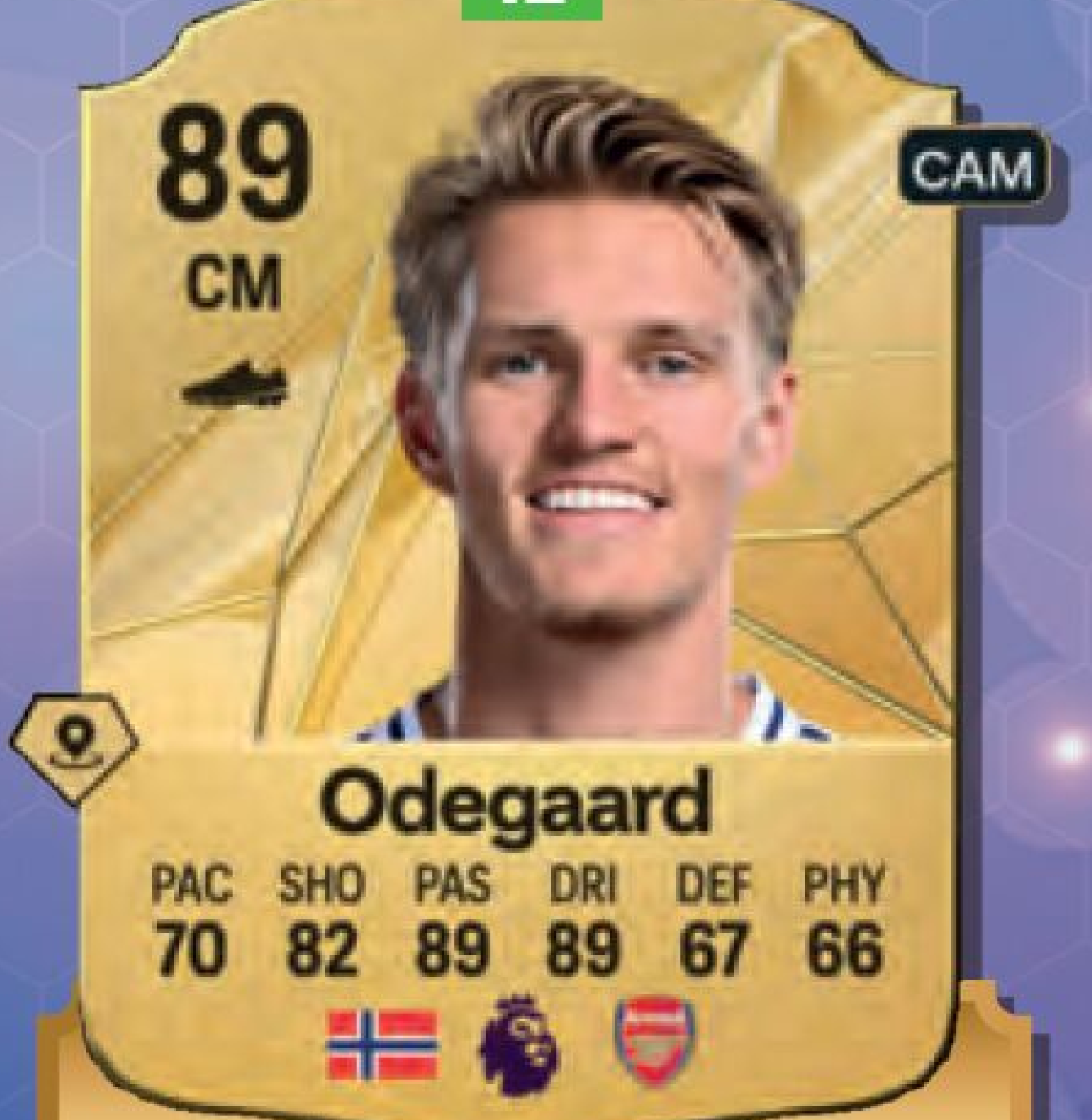
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MARTIN ØDEGAARD
(CM, ARSENAL) - 89

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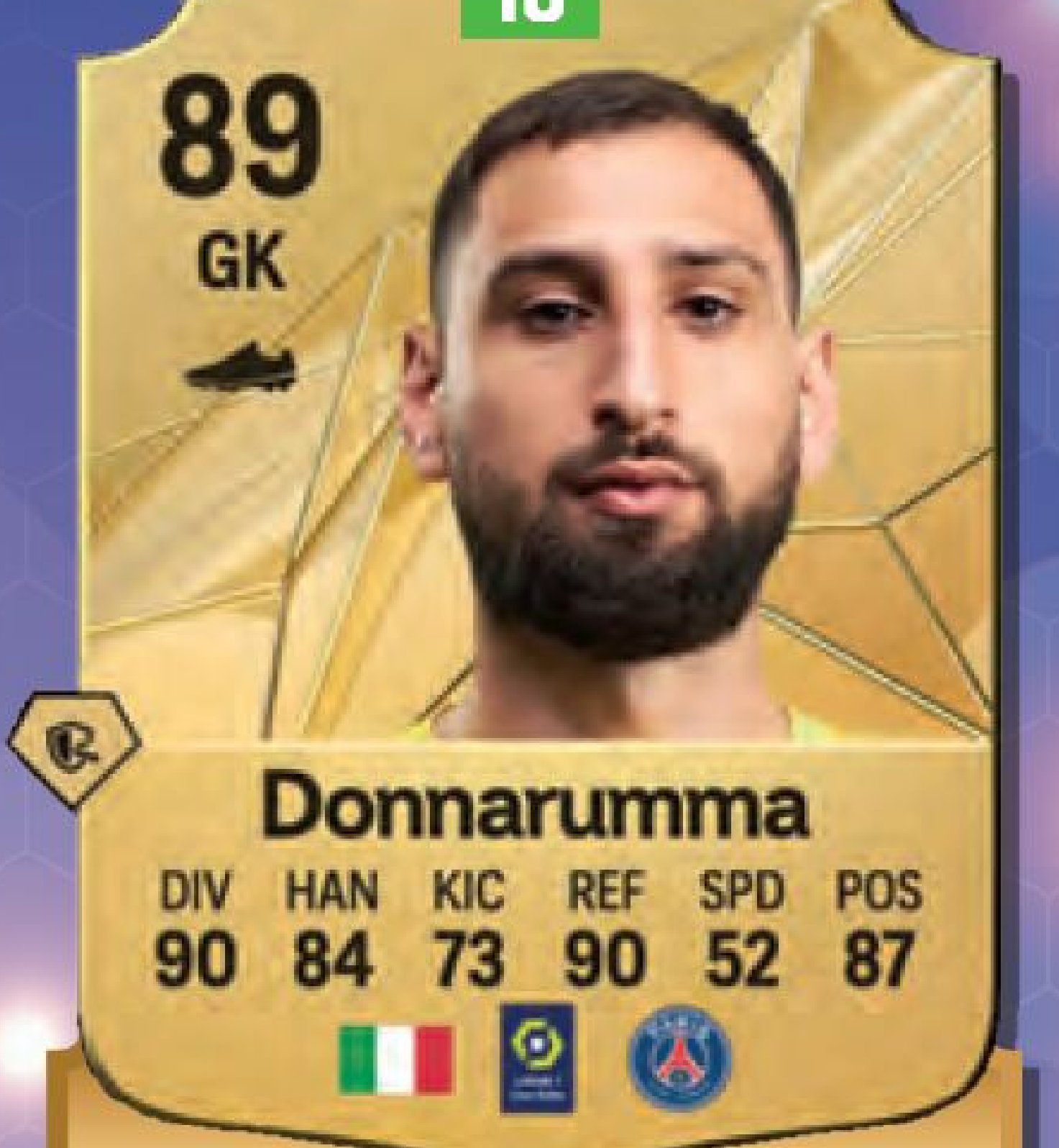
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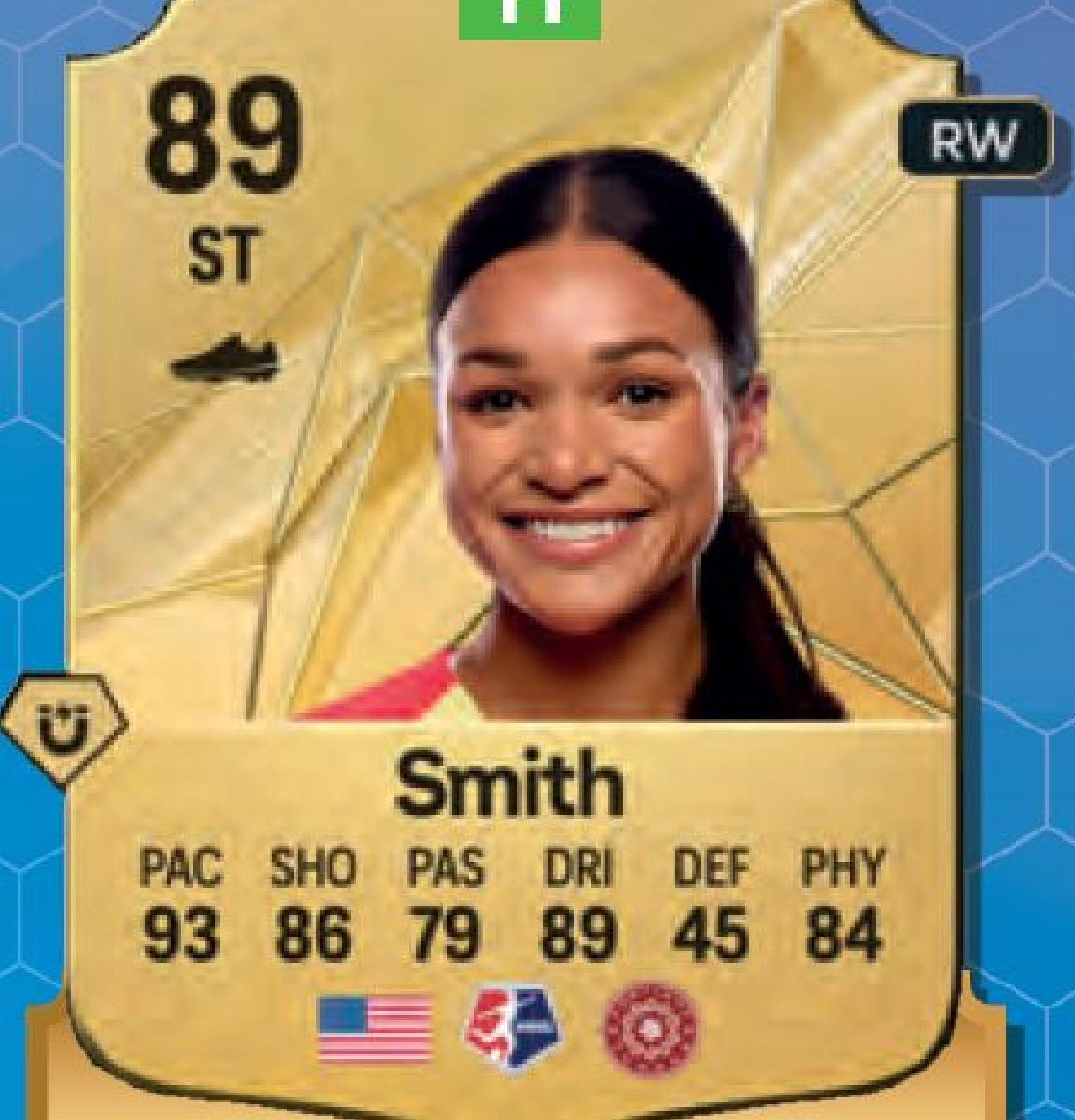
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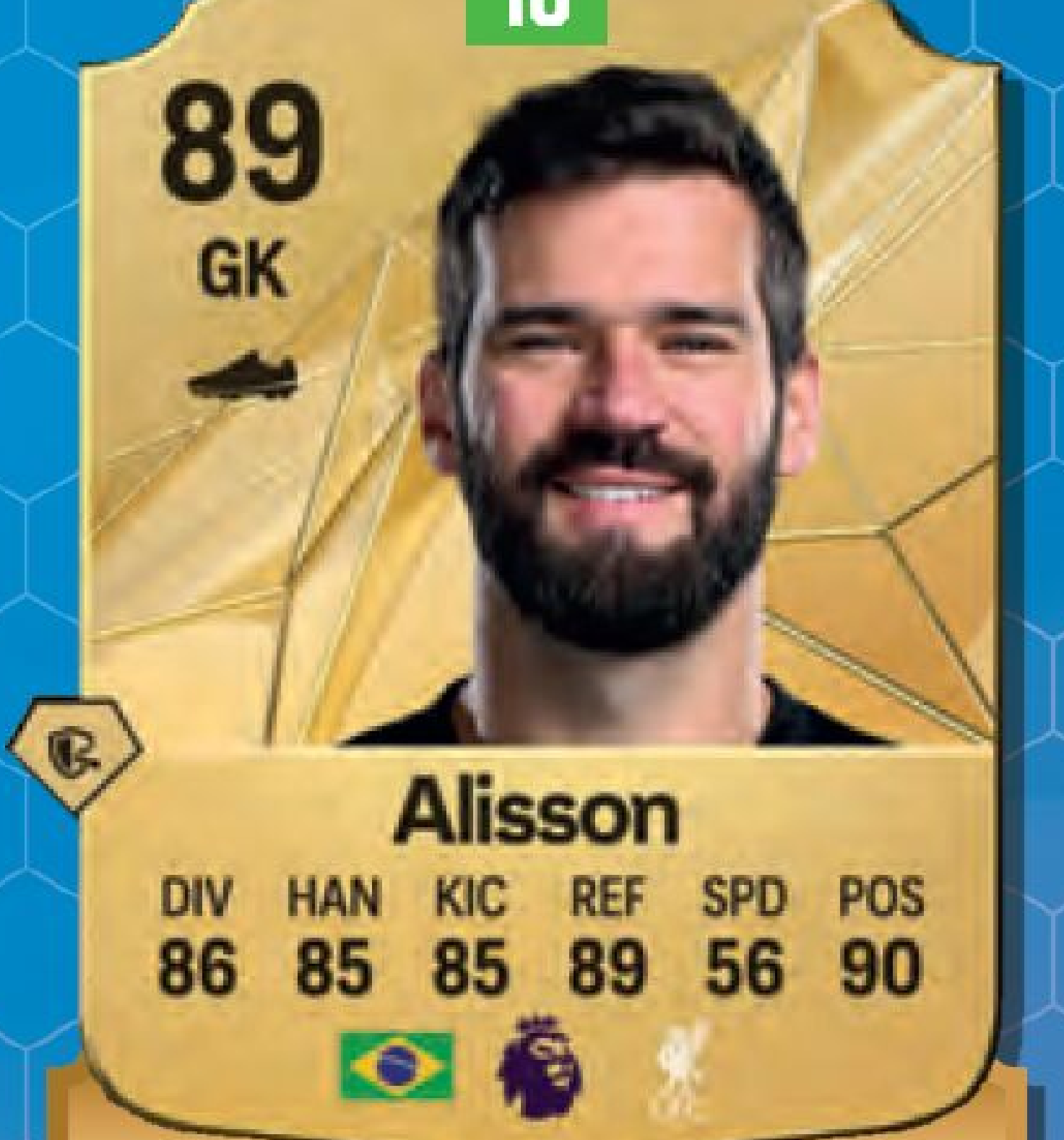
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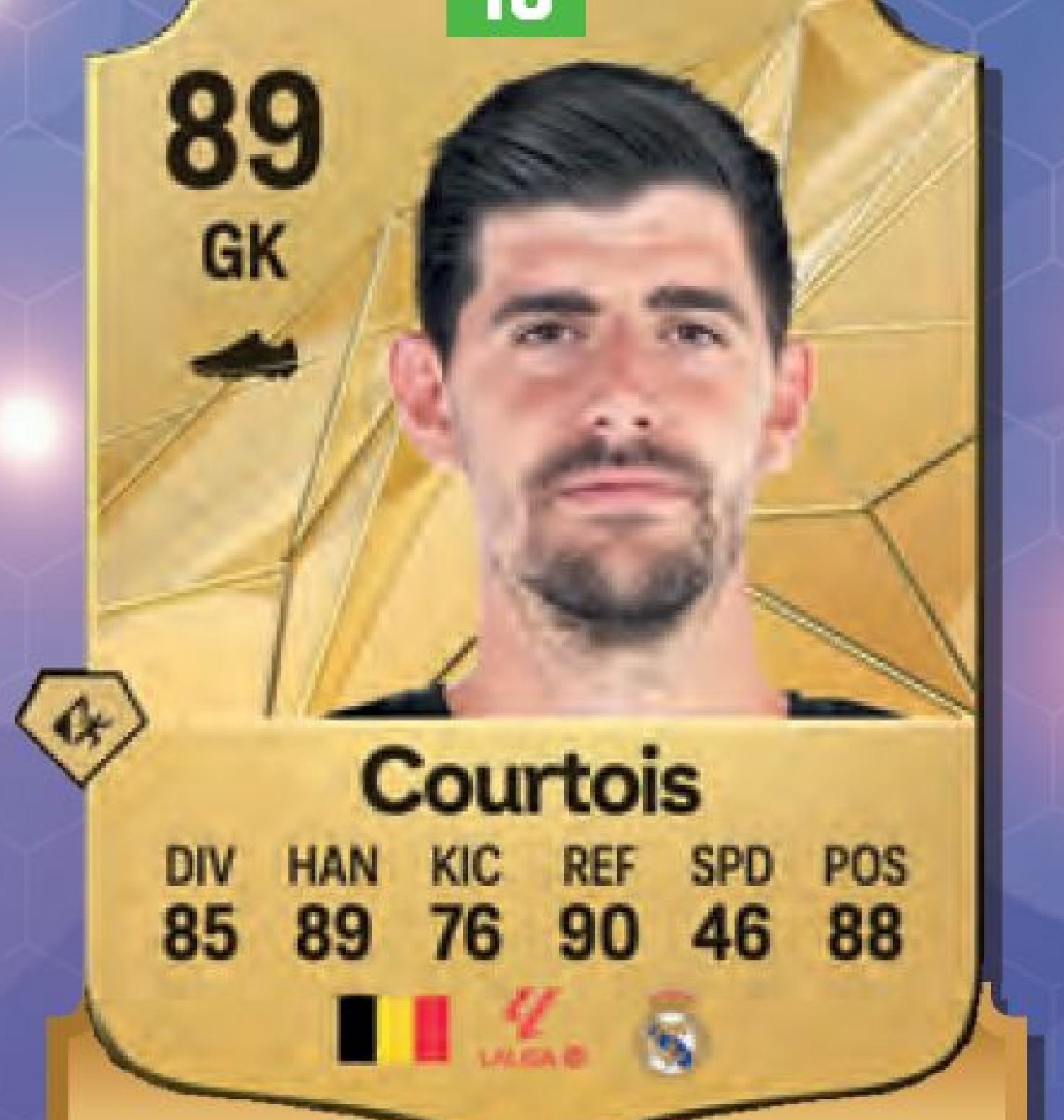
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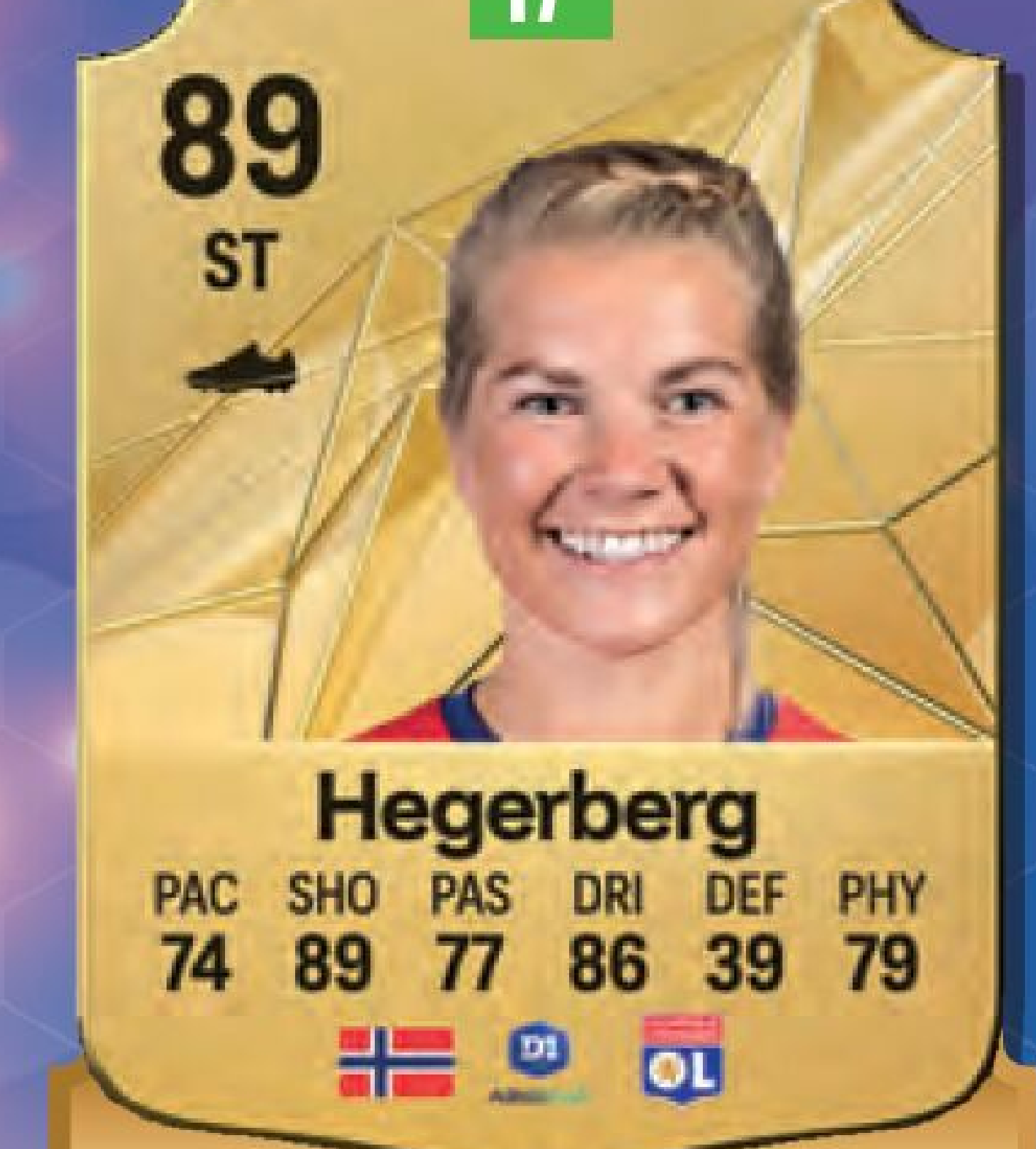
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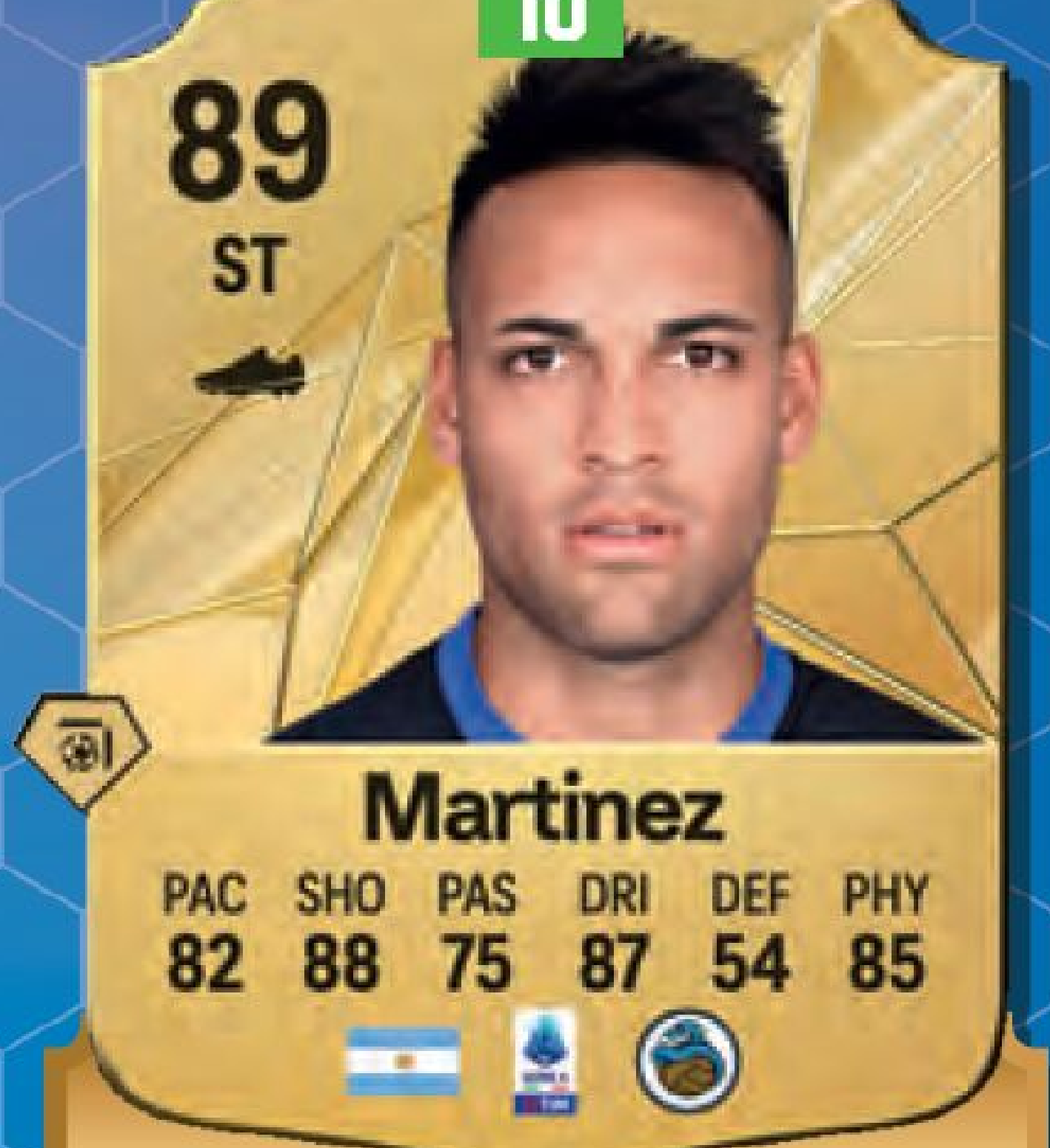
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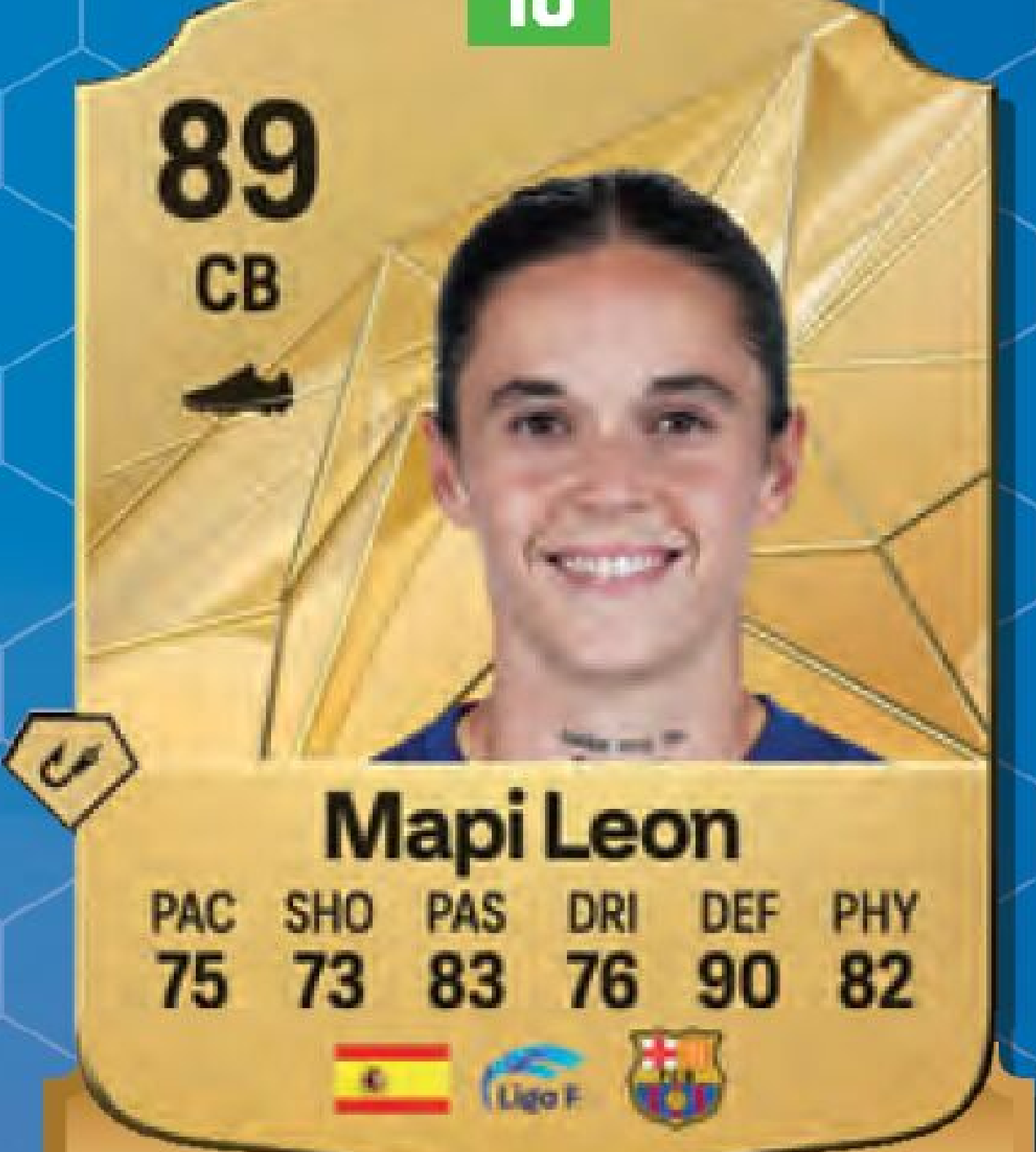
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(CB, BARCELONA) - 89

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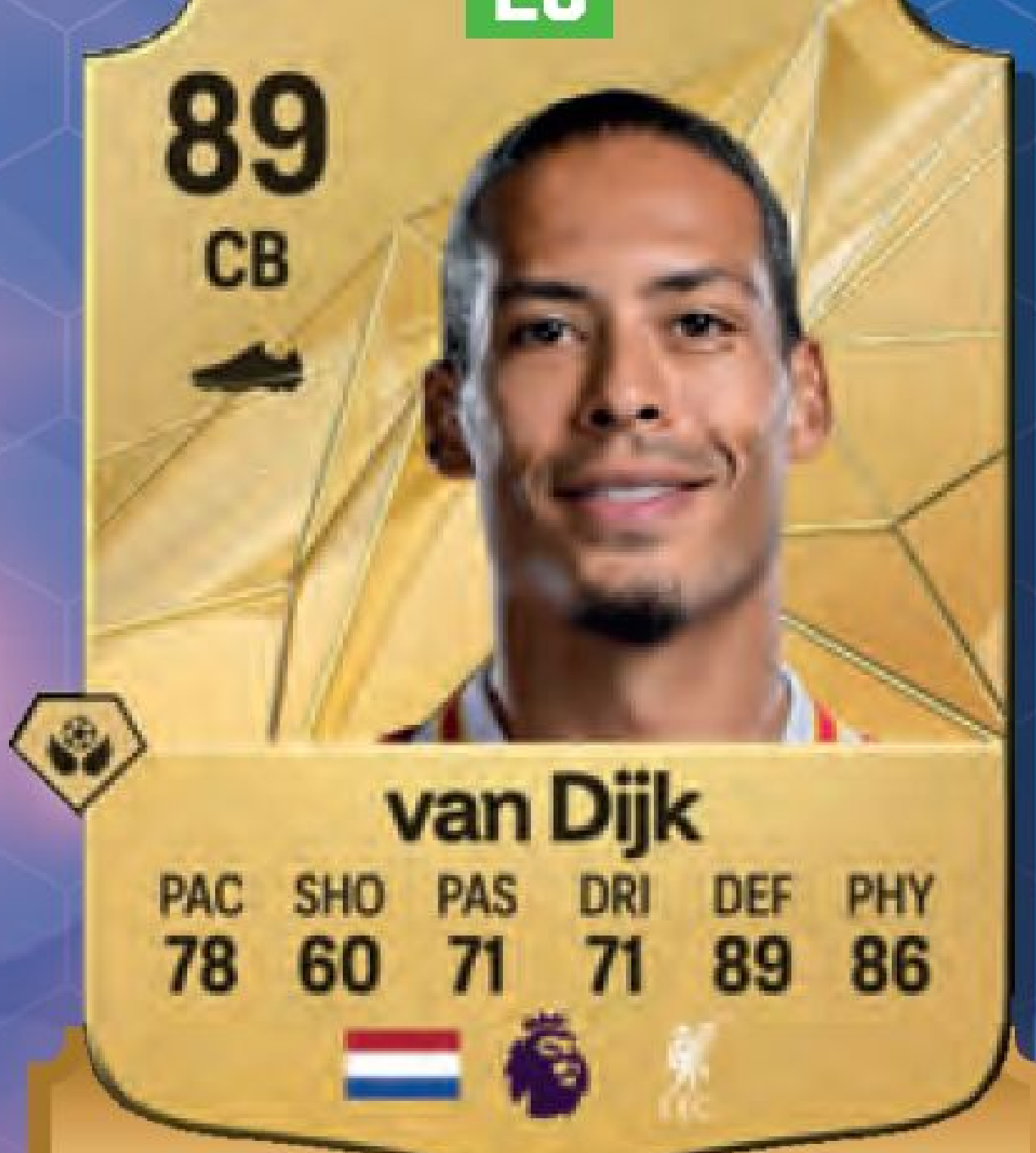
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VIRGJL VAN DIJK
(CB, LIVERPOOL) - 89

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SKILL SCHOOL

We reveal five awesome dribbling moves to help you beat your marker in the most epic way!

3 STAR SKILL

Feint left and exit right

WHAT IS IT?

When running towards the defender to get past them, you feint to the left and then quickly exit to the right to give you a boost past defender.

HOW DO I DO IT?

Roll the right stick anti-clockwise, from the left to the right.

OTHER NOTABLE 3 STAR SKILLS:

Heel Flick – Flick right stick forward and back, roulette right/left – spin right stick 360 degrees right/left from forward.
Stutter Feint – Hold L2/LB + right stick left then right or right stick right then left.

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4 STAR SKILL

Heel To Heel

WHAT IS IT?

Use the front foot heel when running to flick the ball back and then use the back foot heel to flick the ball forward again for a speed boost away from defender.

HOW DO I DO IT?

Flick right stick forward then back.

OTHER NOTABLE 4 STAR SKILLS:

Ball Roll Drag – Hold L1/LB + flick right stick forward then left or right.

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1 STAR SKILL

First Time Feint Turn

WHAT IS IT?

When approaching the defender roll the ball and drop your shoulder in a different direction to pull away from the defender.

HOW DO I DO IT?

Hold L1/LB + R1/RB + flick left stick back.

OTHER NOTABLE 1 STAR SKILLS:

Ball Juggle (While Standing) – L2/LT + Tap R1/RB.

5 STAR SKILL

Neymar Rainbow Flick

WHAT IS IT?

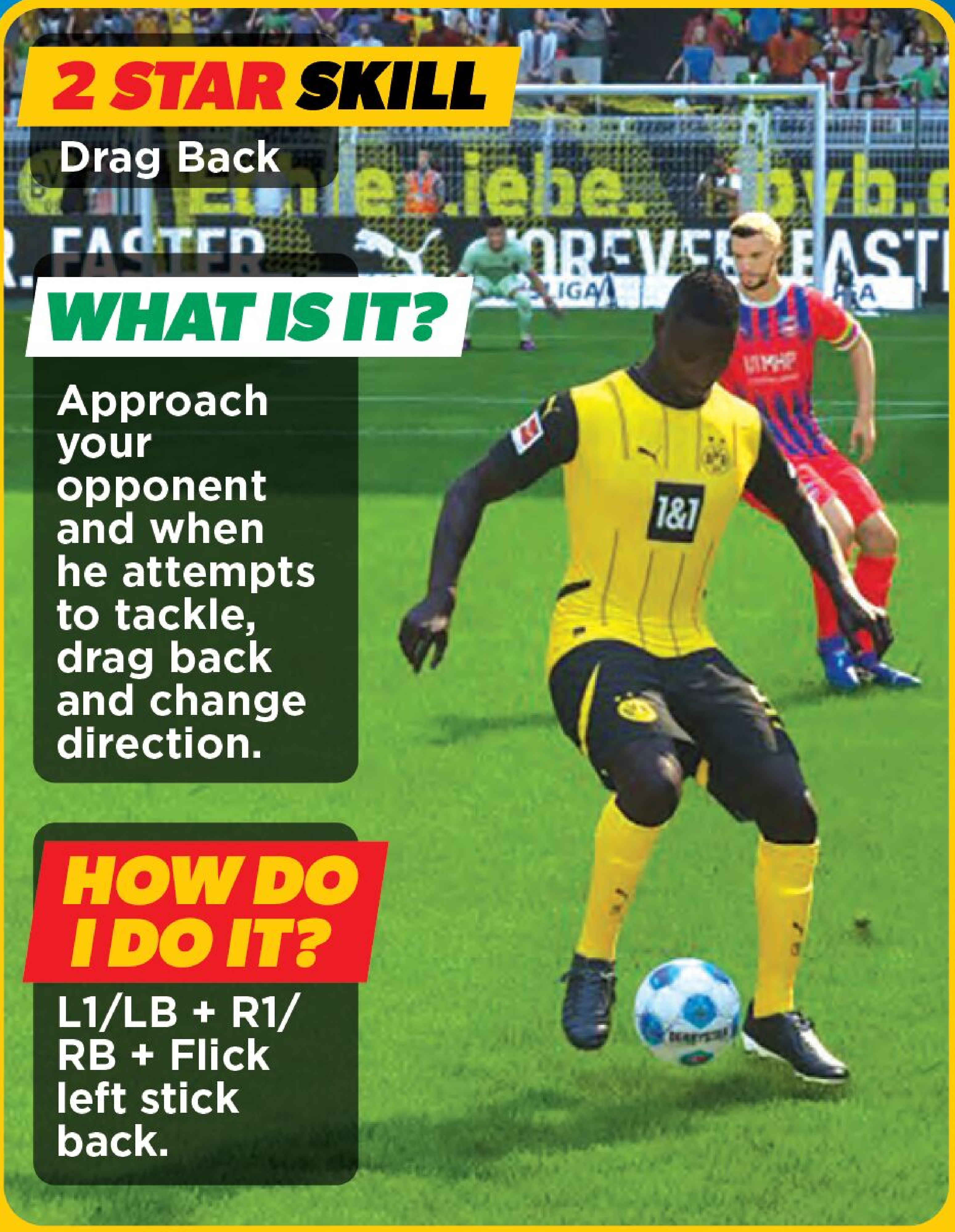
Neymar flicks the ball from behind him over his head to the front.

HOW DO I DO IT?

Flick Right stick Left and then Right

OTHER NOTABLE 5 STAR SKILLS:

Elastico – Spin right stick 180 degrees from right to left behind player.



2 STAR SKILL

Drag Back

WHAT IS IT?

Approach your opponent and when he attempts to tackle, drag back and change direction.

HOW DO I DO IT?

L1/LB + R1/RB + Flick left stick back.

OTHER NOTABLE 2 STAR SKILLS:

Feint forward and turn – flick right stick back twice.

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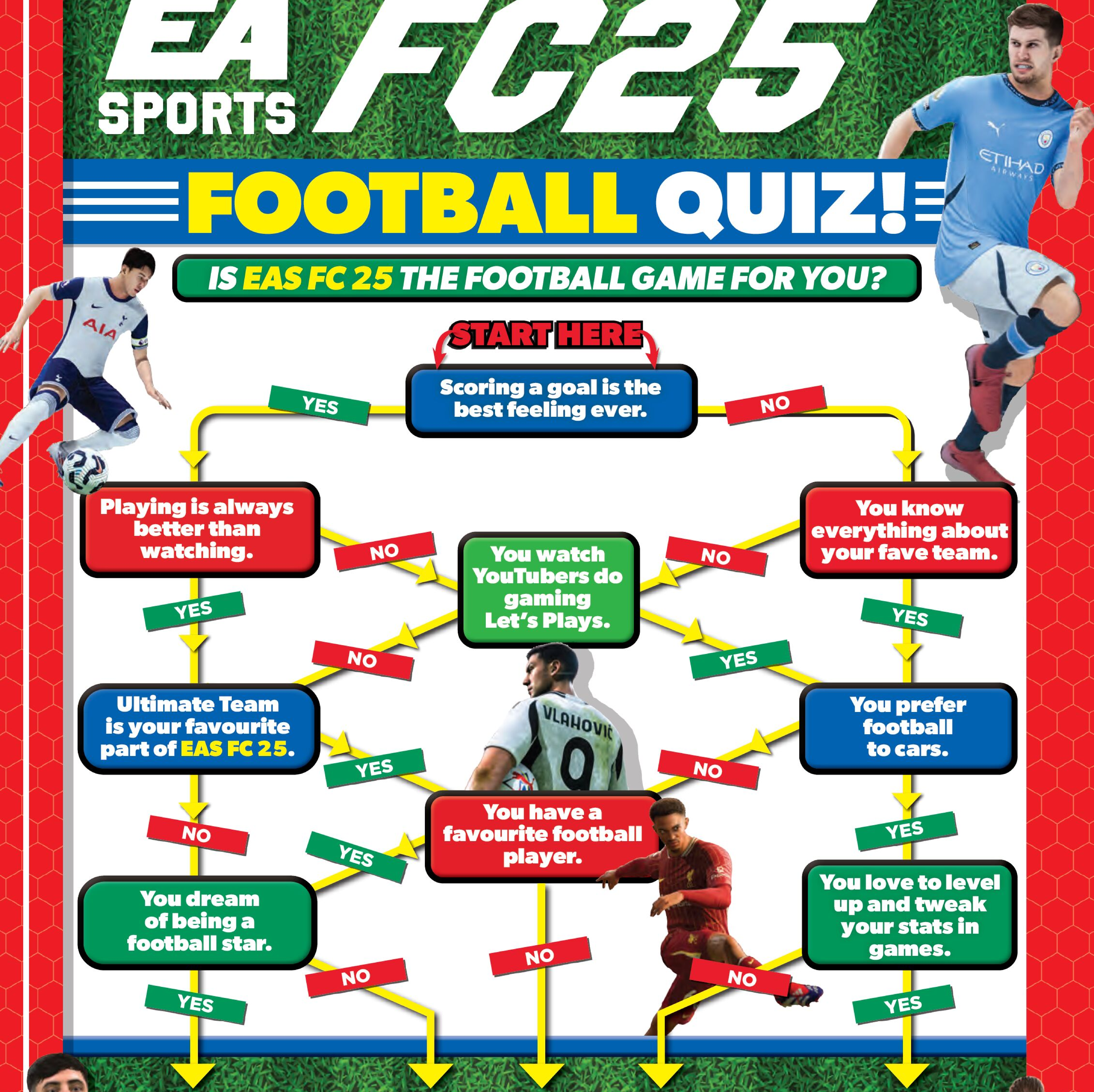
IS EAS FC 25 THE FOOTBALL GAME FOR YOU?



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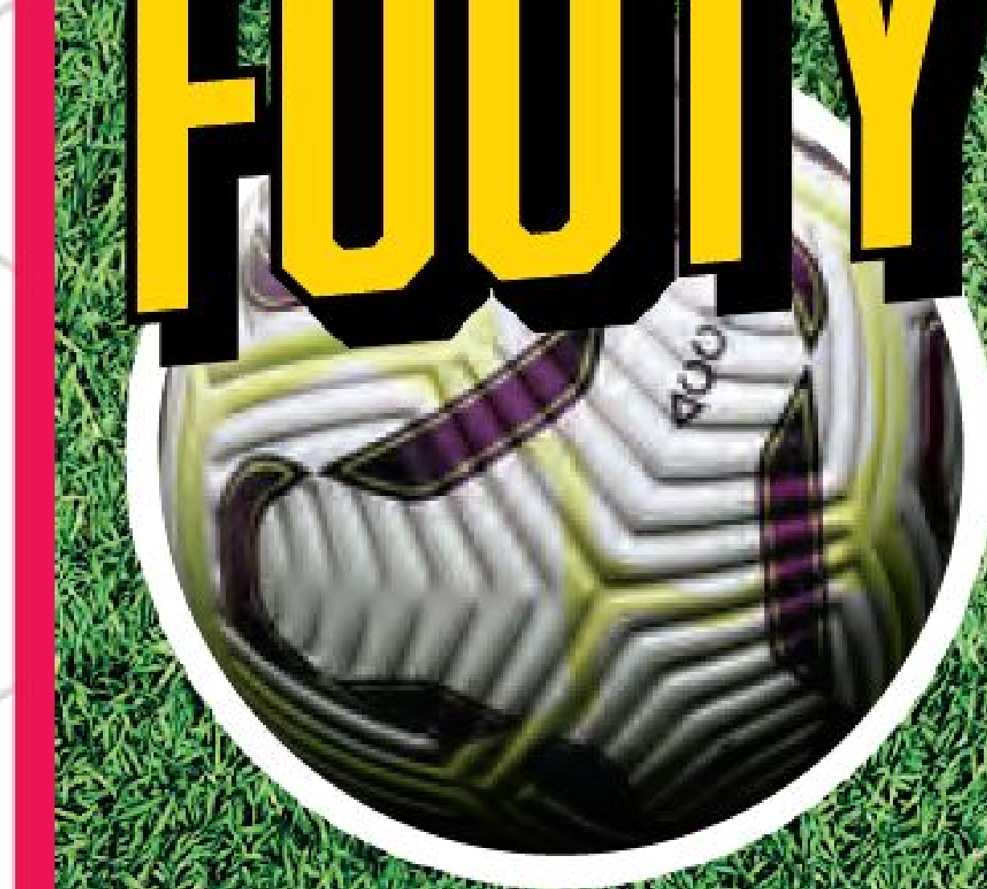
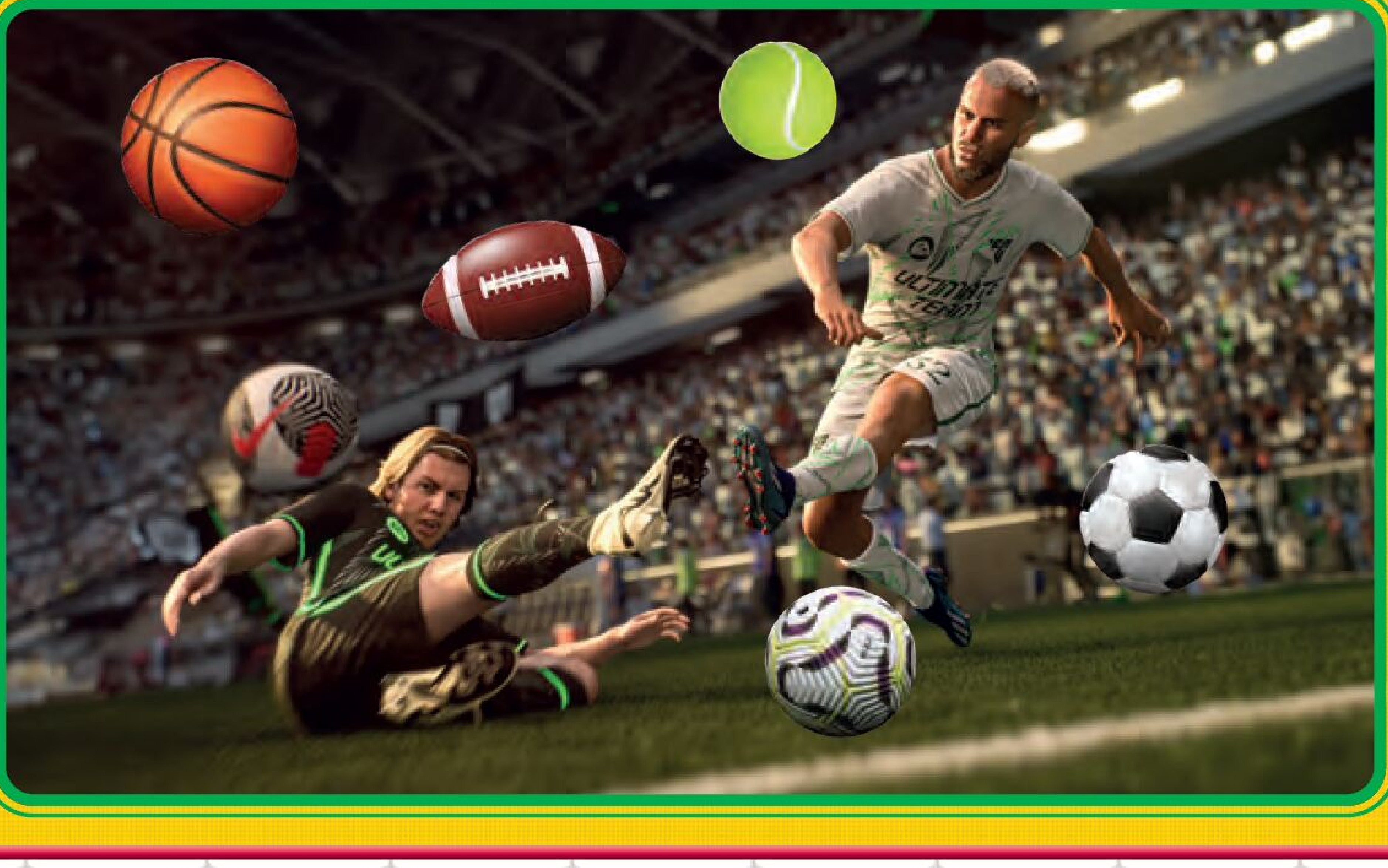


FOOTY FEVER!

■ COMPLETE THESE THREE PUZZLES AND SCORE A HAT-TRICK!

1 SPOT THE BALL!

■ Circle the original ball in this shot! Can you spot the real from the fakes?



2 NAME THAT TEAM BADGE!

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3 MEGA MATCH!

■ Match the player to their team!

A BRUNO GUIMARÃES

B SAM KERR

C VIRGIL VAN DIJK

D BUKAYO SAKA

1 CHELSEA

2 ARSENAL

3 NEWCASTLE UNITED

4 LIVERPOOL

ANSWERS

MEGA MATCH!

A.3 B.1 C.4 D.2

NAME THAT TEAM BADGE!

Tottenham Hotspur

Inter Milan

Wolves

Atletico Madrid

West Ham

SPOT THE BALL!

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NEED FOR SPEED!

■ Pace can really destroy teams and having some of the quickest players in **FC 25** can give you a greater chance of success! Check out this list of top 10 speed merchants to keep an eye on...

10. NESTROY IRANKUNDA (94) | RM

■ With pace to burn, Bayern Munich's young Australian midfielder is one to watch. Not quite a first team regular yet, but he'll improve over time and add to stats which are already decent.

9. RAFAEL LEÃO (94) | LW

■ The AC Milan winger is a dream pick up in **FC 25** with excellent stats across pace, dribbling and passing. His shooting stats are also pretty good, meaning he can score and assist.

8. TABITHA CHAWINGA (94) | RM

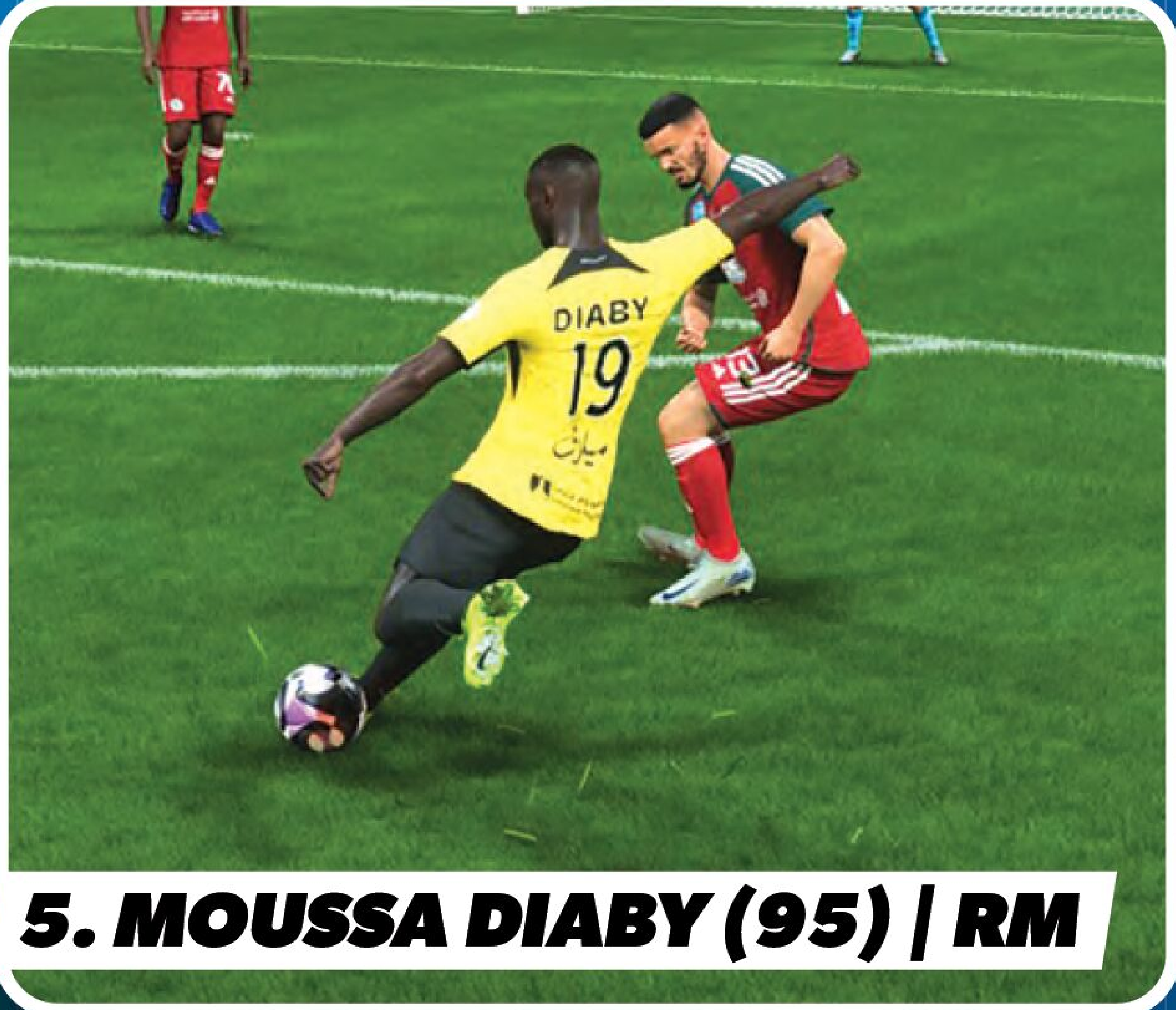
■ Lyon striker **Chawinga** has pace which makes her second only in striker terms behind **Mbappé**. With good dribbling skills of 84, she's also strong playing out wide.

7. YANKUBA MINTEH (95) | RM

■ The Gambian midfielder isn't strong across the stats board but does excel on the pace front with a 95 stat. Playing in the Premier League also makes him a solid choice for increasing the chemistry level in Ultimate Team.

6. THEO HERNÁNDEZ (95) | LB

■ AC Milan's France international left-back is an elite level option in **FC 25**. With pace stats of 95 and high numbers across dribbling, defending and physical metrics, **Hernández** offers high-level stats across every field.



5. MOUSSA DIABY (95) | RM

■ Now playing for Al-Ittihad in the Saudi Pro League, **Diaby** is a solid right-sided option with 95 pace and 86 dribbling stats.

4. ALPHONSO DAVIES (95) | LB

■ A lack of top Canadian players in major European leagues means that **Davies'** nationality doesn't help much with improving chemistry in Ultimate Team. However, with 95 pace and 84 dribbling stats, he remains a great option.

3. VINI JR. (95) | LW

■ After **Mbappé**, **Vini Jr.** is the most skilful player at Real Madrid and undoubted the best winger in the game. His dribbling skills are unmatched to the level he'll give defenders nightmares!

2. KARIM ADEYEMI (96) | LM

■ **Adeyemi** doesn't have the greatest physical stat – only 70 – with his shooting not much better at 73. However, with searing 96 pace, he makes for a great option on the counterattack.

1. KYLIAN MBAPPÉ (97) | ST

■ The best player in the game also happens to be the fastest. With high shooting and dribbling skills also sitting at 90+, he is super hard to defend against.

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WAYS TO SCORE EVERY TIME!

Do you want some absolute tekkers tips to make sure you are hitting the back of the net more often? Then get reading before scoring!

CHIP SHOT

This finish is a delicate kick that lifts the ball over a defender or goalkeeper. Try it out by running towards the goalie and when they come out of the box, press L1/LB + Shoot.

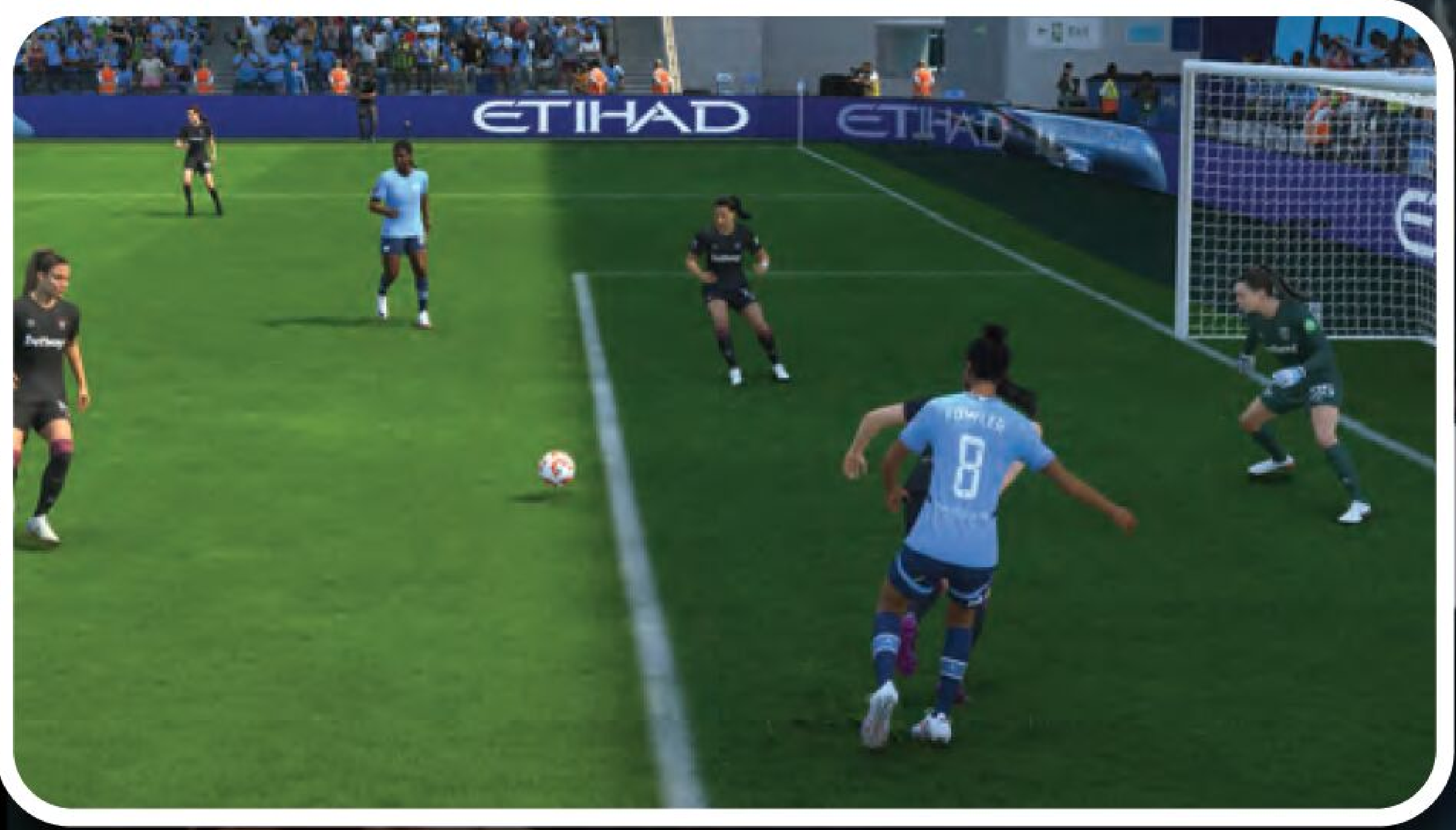
INSIDE BOX ACROSS THE KEEPER

A nice way to confuse the goalkeeper into not knowing which corner you're going for. Try by approaching a penalty spot at an angle, aim across the goalie and shoot.

HEADER FROM CORNER

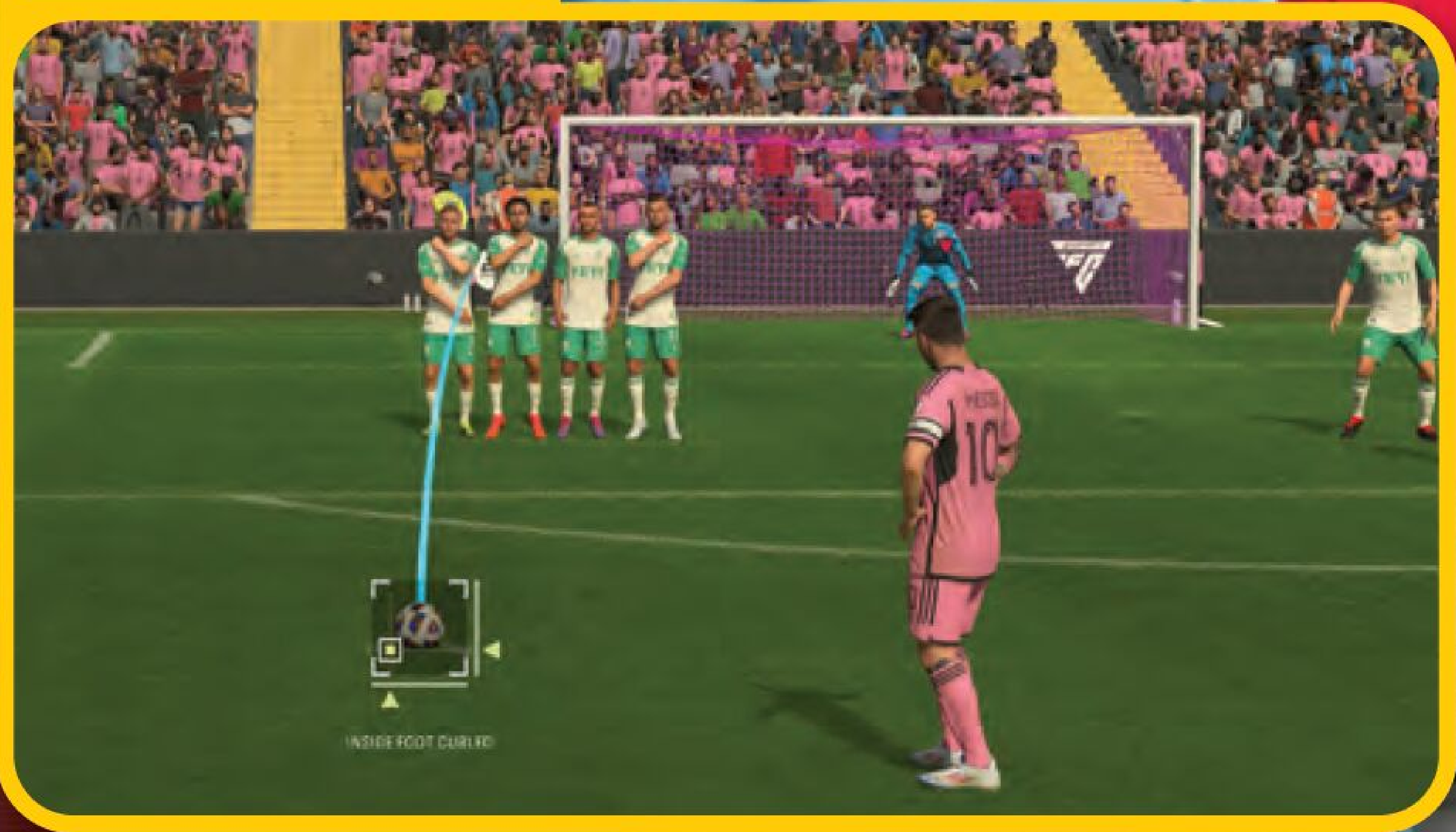
- It helps if you have someone on your team who has strong header stats. If you do, aim for them in the middle, 75% power on a cross and then shoot.

CUT BACK



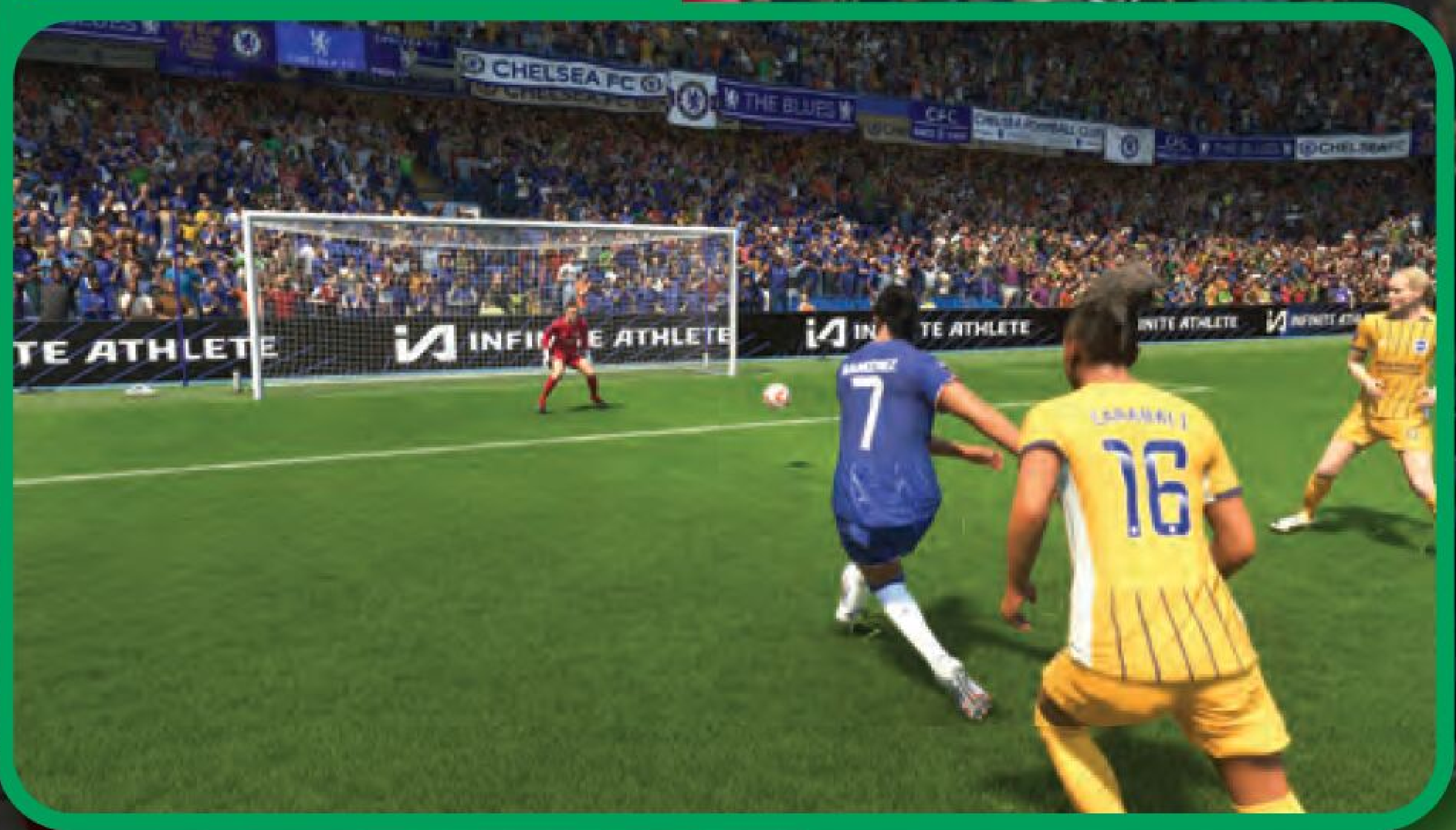
- Lots of players love scoring this way and it can be hard to defend against. When arriving in the box, go towards the byline and, as the goalkeeper or defender comes across towards your player, pass back across box to a free player and shoot.

FREE KICK



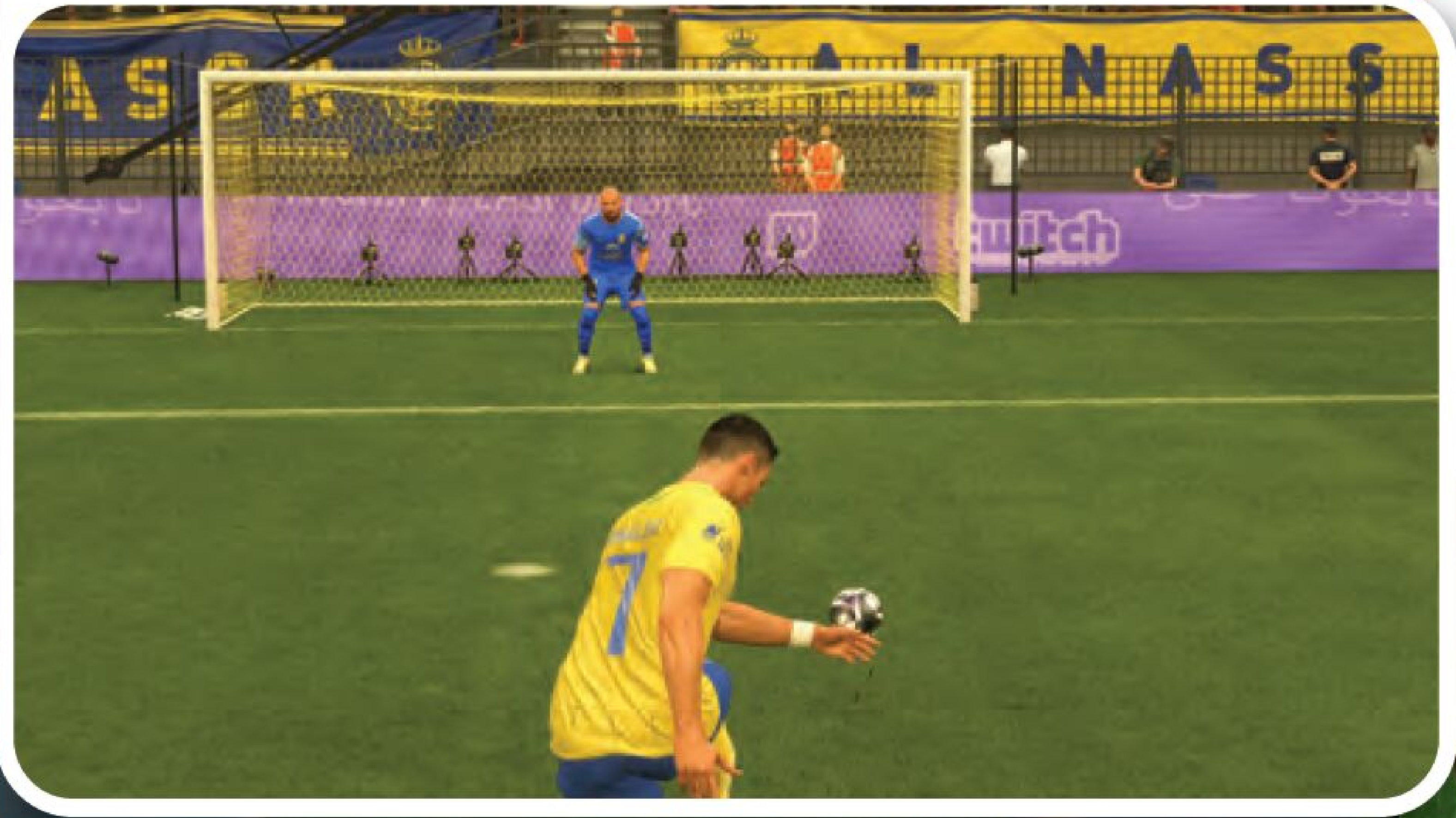
- Scoring free kicks can be difficult but not impossible. Look to aim between the wall and the goalkeeper, 90% power and shoot, left foot player on left and right foot player on right.

FINESSE SHOT



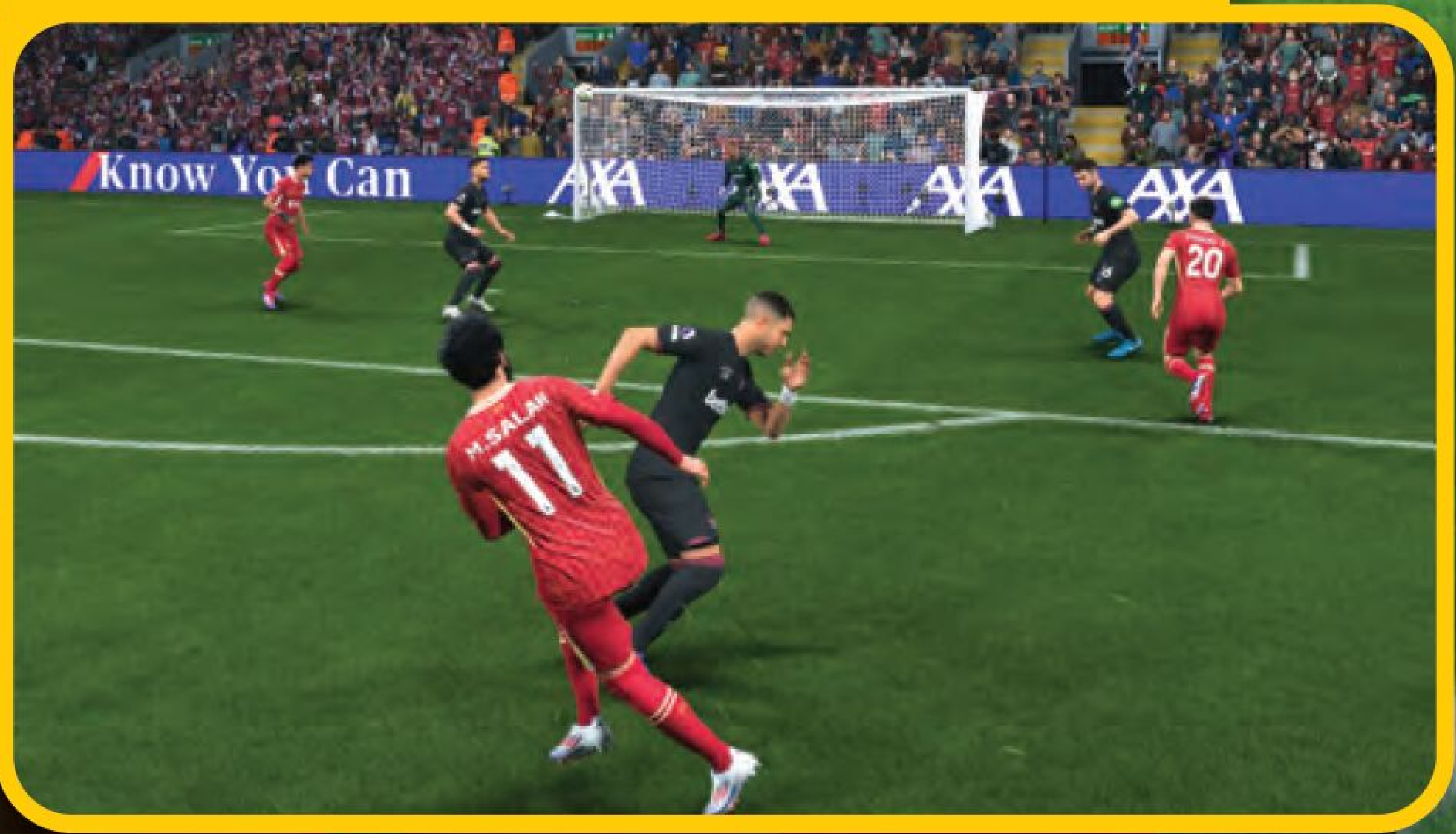
- The finesse shot is one taken with the inside of the boot and good for using to find the far corner of the goal. Approach the goalkeeper at an angle from right or left and when close press R1/RB + shoot.

POWER SHOT



- The power shot has been given an upgrade in EAS FC 25 and is now more powerful than ever! When you're just inside box (or outside the box) aim at goal and press L1+R1/LB+RB + shoot.

LONG RANGE FINESSE SHOT



- If taking a finesse shot from outside the box, always consider the player's strongest foot. When outside the box, approach at an angle and Curl Shot with ¾ power pressing R1/RB + shoot.

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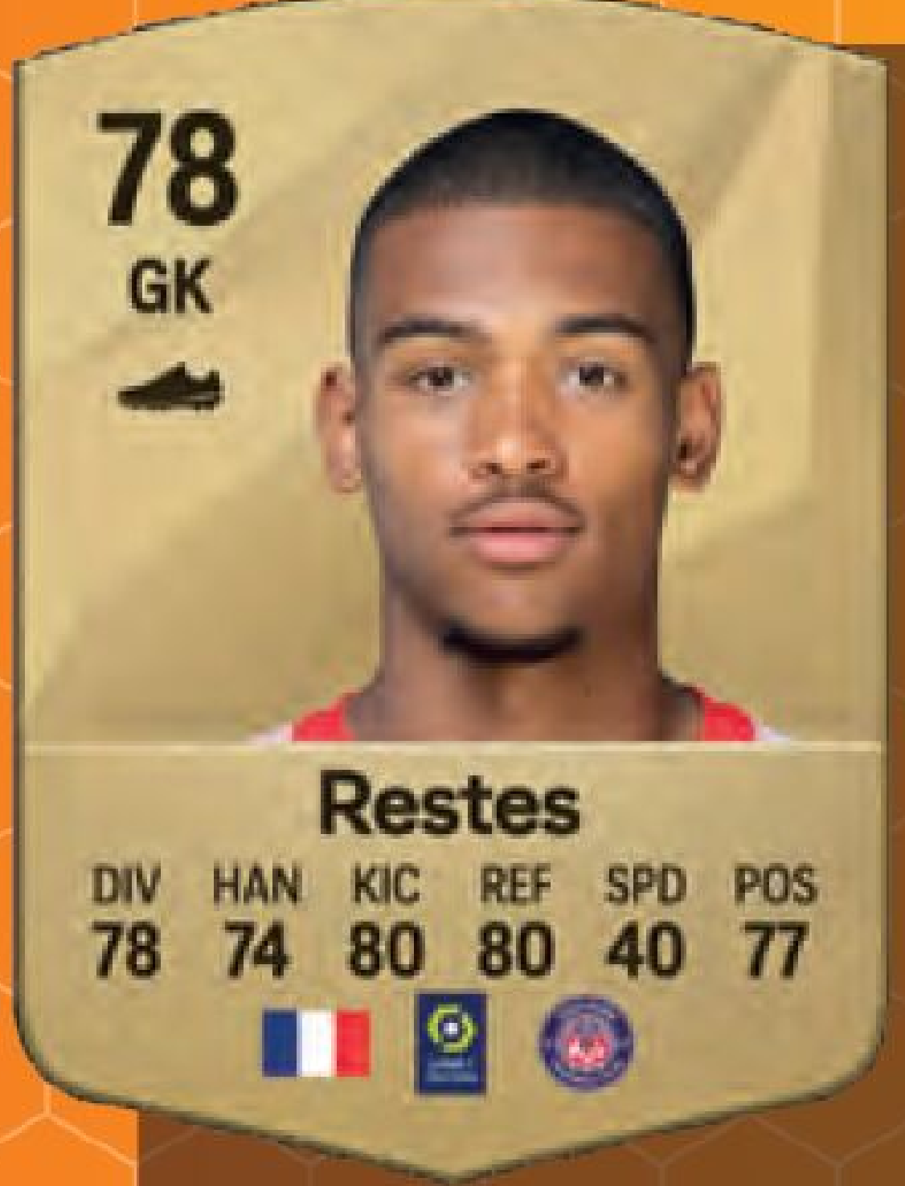
In EA SPORTS FC 25 Career Mode, signing players who are already among the very best in the world isn't achievable for most. However, signing a talented wonderkid as early as possible before their price tag becomes sky high is a strategy worth pursuing. Check out some of the most talented goalkeepers aged 21 and under that you should be looking out for!

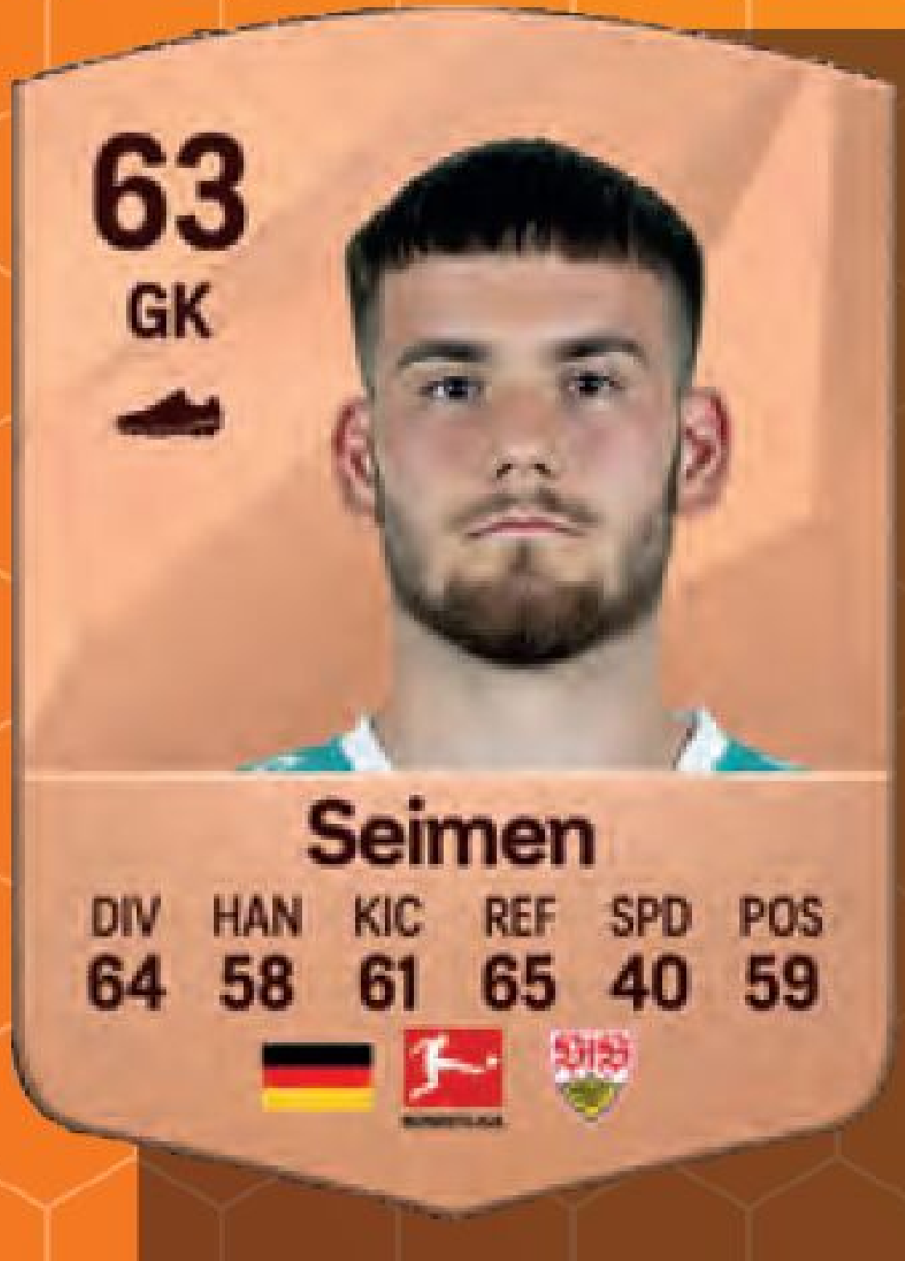
GOALKEEPER WONDERKIDS



PLAYER: GUILLAUME RESTES

CLUB: TOULOUSE
CURRENT RATING: 78
POTENTIAL RATING: 88

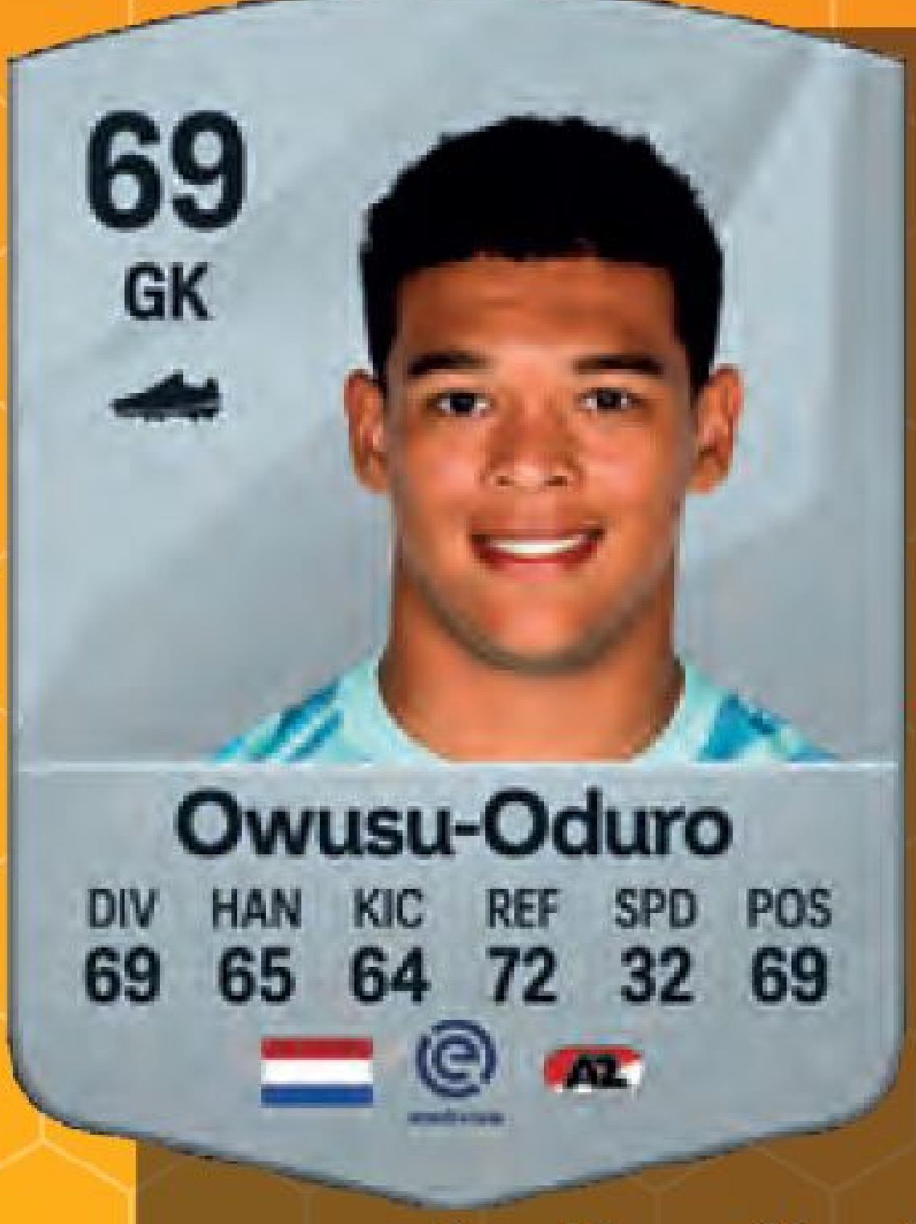
Born in 2005, this young goalkeeper has already made over 50 appearances for the Toulouse first-team in Ligue 1. With super-quick reflexes and excellent positional awareness, he has the potential to be the main man for France in the years to come.



PLAYER: DENNIS SEIMEN

CLUB: STUTTGART
CURRENT RATING: 63
POTENTIAL RATING: 84

In 2024 Stuttgart extended Seimen's contract until June 2029, fully aware they have a very promising goalkeeper on their books. While his current rating isn't high, he has lots of room to grow and could one day be in your first-team with the right development training.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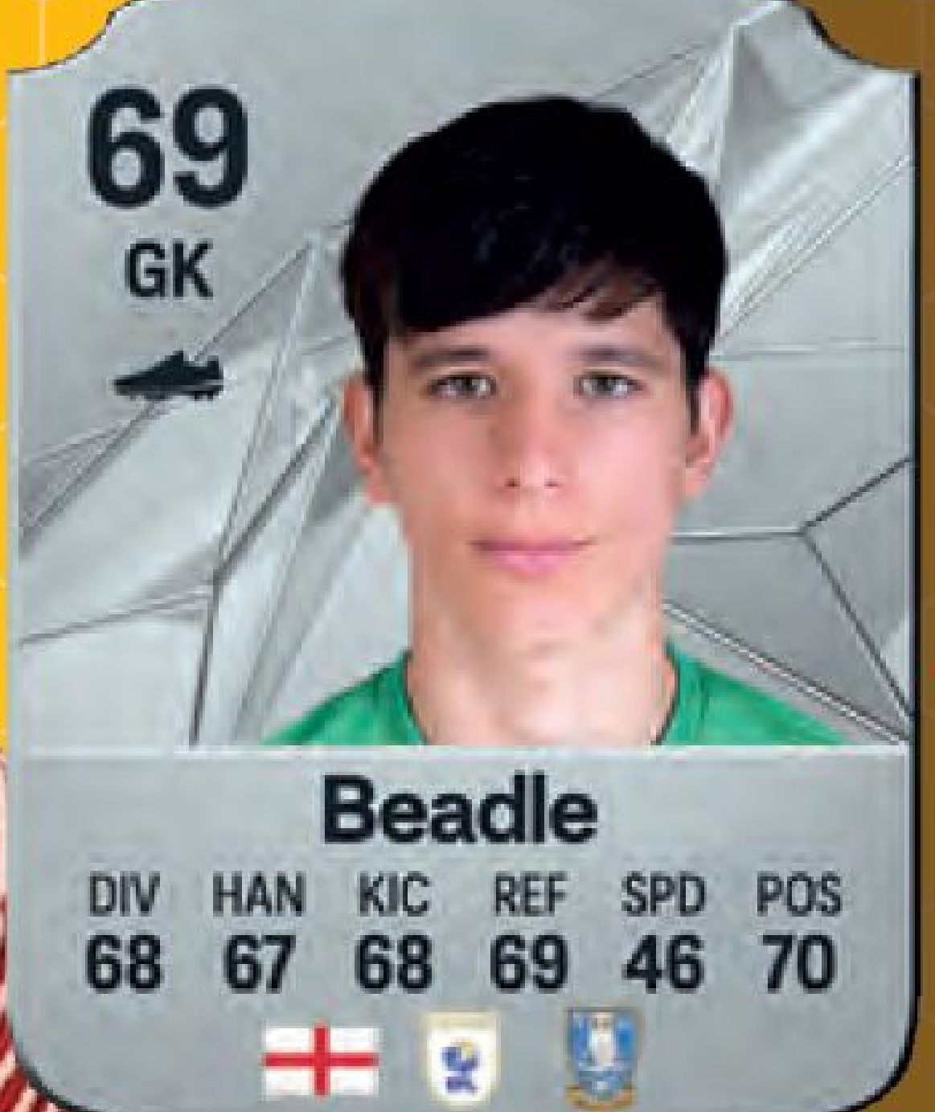
SPD 32
POS 69

PLAYER: ROME-JAYDEN OWUSU-ODURO

CLUB: AZ
CURRENT RATING: 69
POTENTIAL RATING: 83

Having impressed at all age group levels, this Dutch goalkeeper is now in the first team at AZ in the Eredivisie. With excellent reflexes, his shot-stopping ability has already had scouts from bigger clubs flocking to watch him.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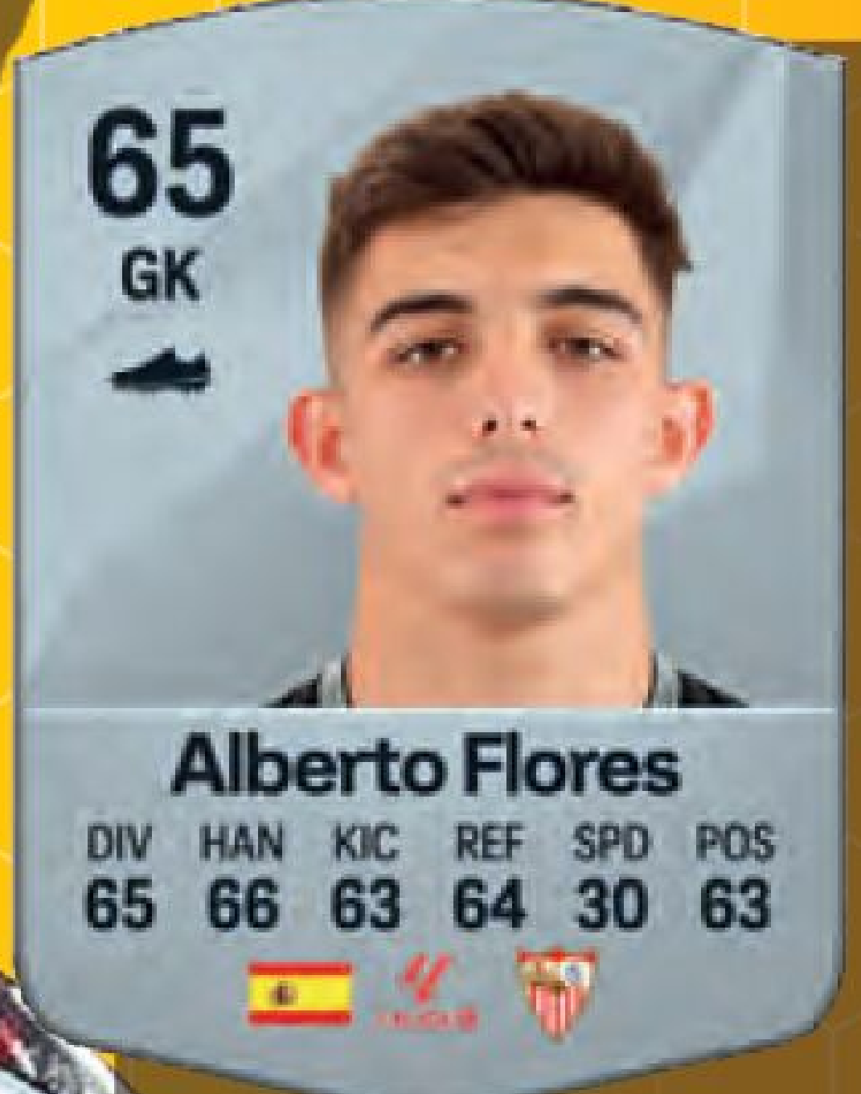
PLAYER: JAMES BEADLE

CLUB: SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
CURRENT RATING: 69
POTENTIAL RATING: 82

Born in London, **Beadle** has been capped for England from Under 15s right through to the Under 21s. He can be found playing in the Championship for Sheffield Wednesday on loan from Premier League Brighton.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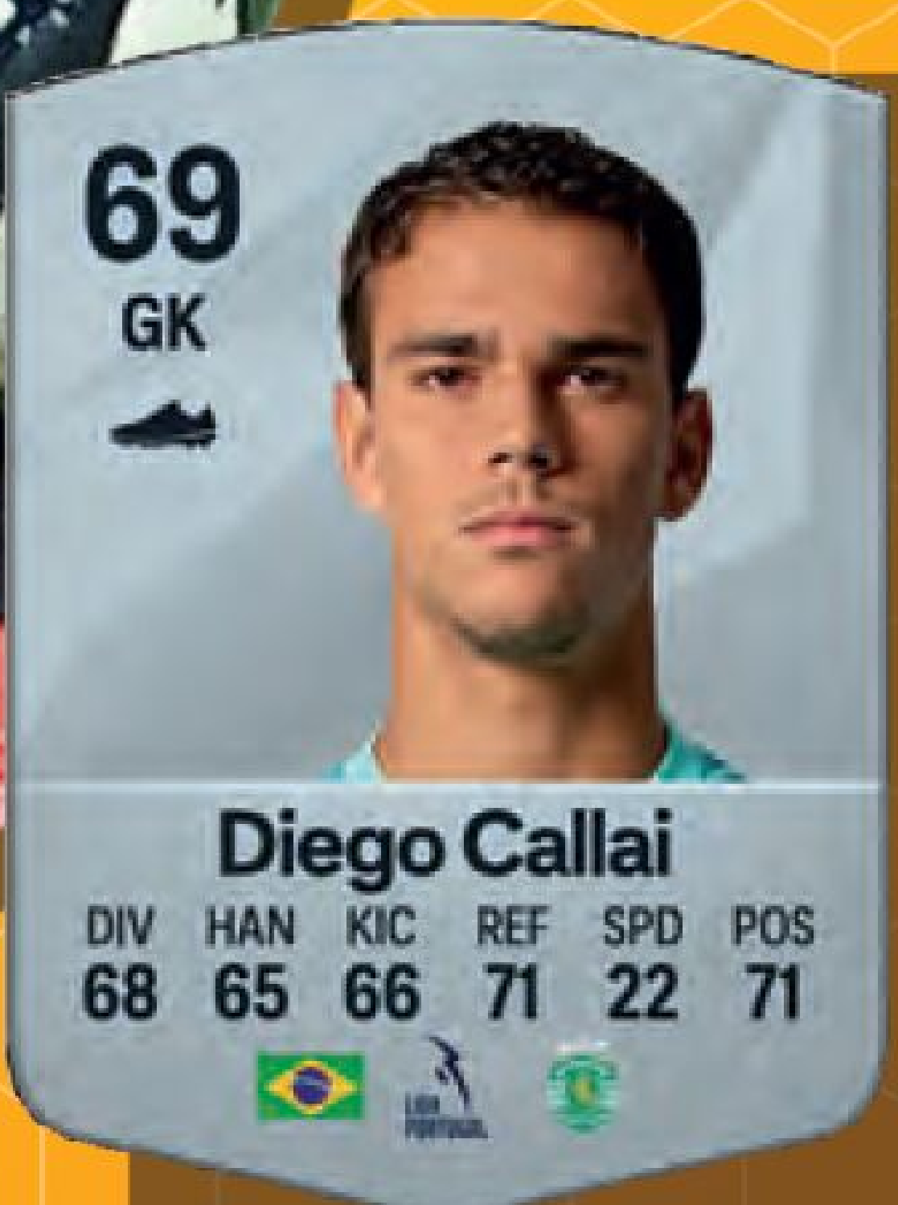
REF 64
SPD 30
POS 63

PLAYER: ALBERTO FLORES

CLUB: SEVILLA
CURRENT RATING: 65
POTENTIAL RATING: 80

A product of Sevilla's youth academy, **Flores** has already made his senior debut in the Copa Del Rey. He's also already in possession of a European trophy winners medal having been part of the Sevilla squad that won the 2023 UEFA Europa League on penalties against Roma.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REF 71
SPD 22
POS 71

PLAYER: DIEGO CALLAI SILVA

CLUB: SPORTING
CURRENT RATING: 69
POTENTIAL RATING: 82

Born in Brazil, **Callai** is the son of a former goalkeeper. Now plying his trade in Portugal with Sporting, **Callai** holds Brazilian, Italian and Portuguese nationalities so could play for any of the three.

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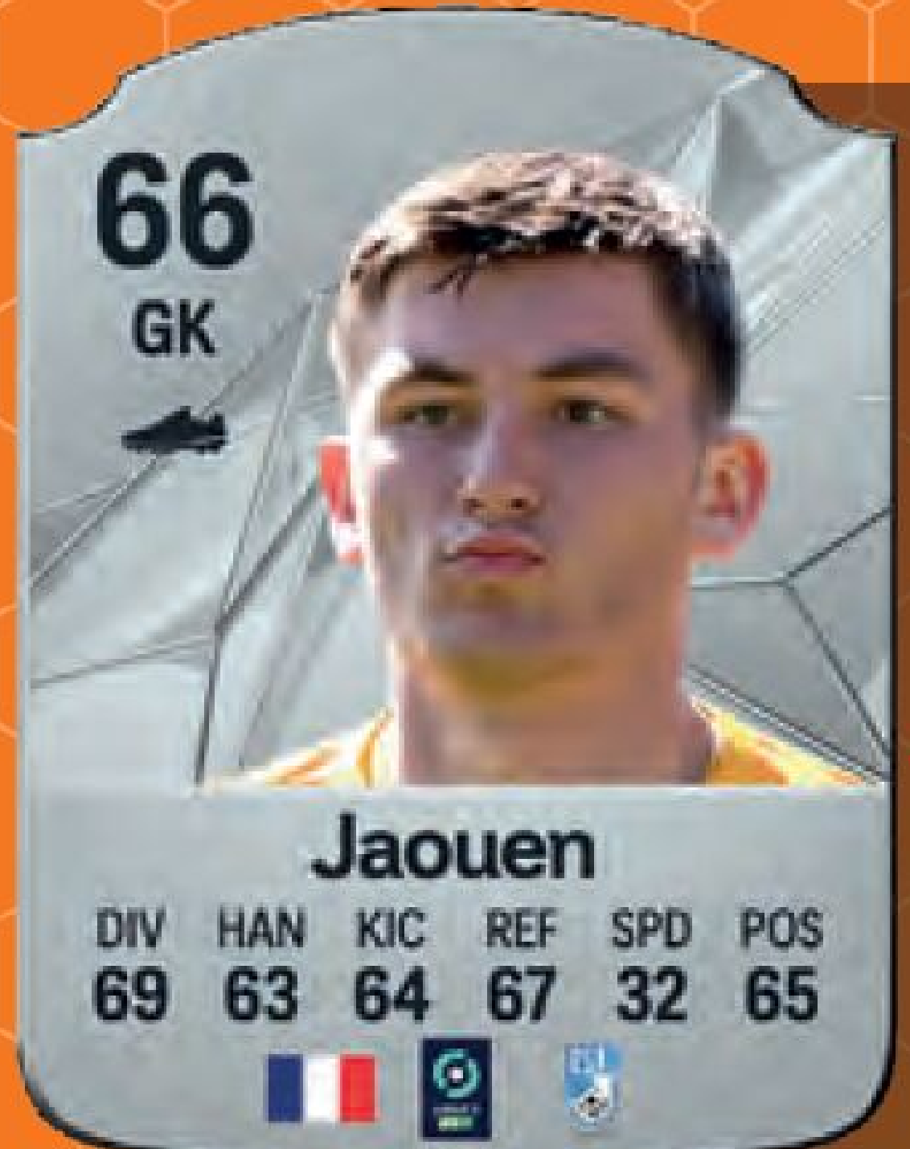
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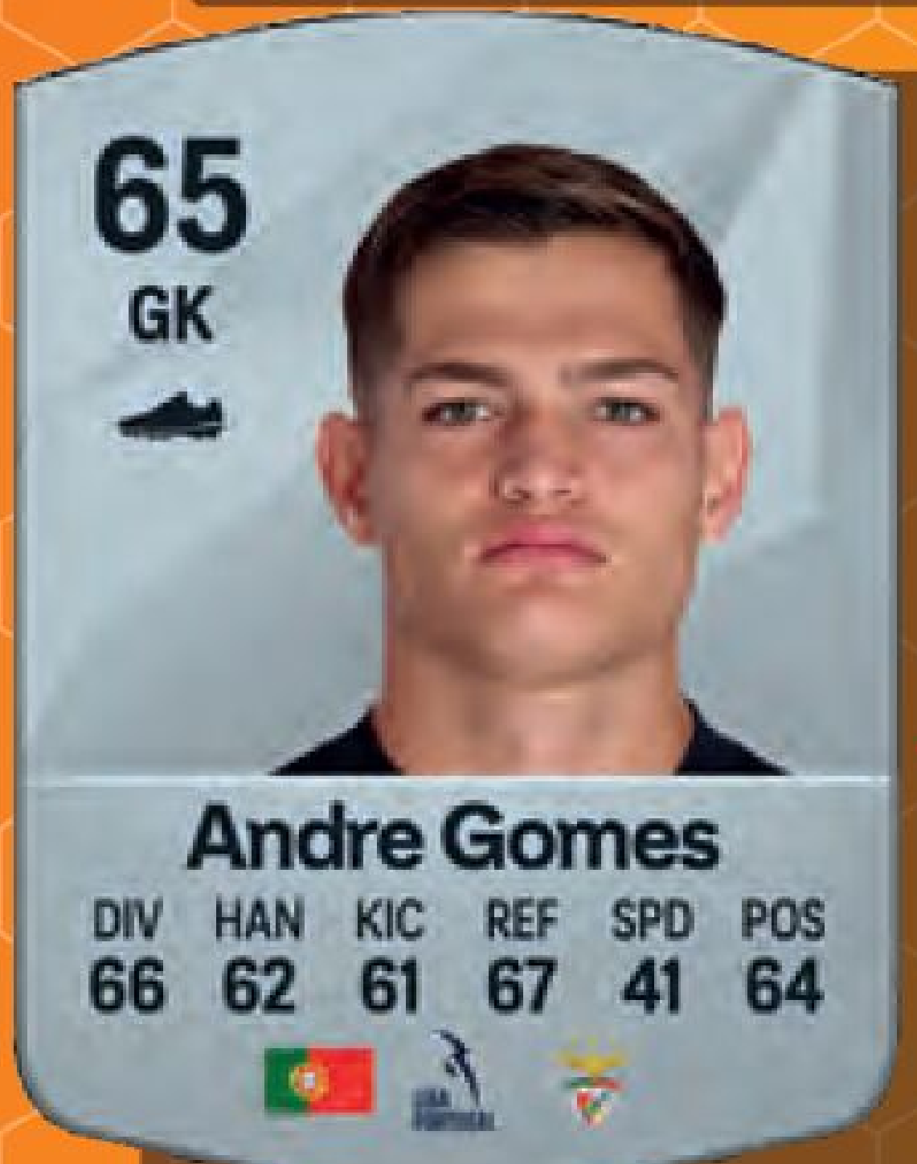
PLAYER: EWEN JAOUEN

CLUB: USL DUNKERQUE
CURRENT RATING: 66
POTENTIAL RATING: 82

Jaouen can be found playing in Ligue 2 in France for USL Dunkerque where he is on loan from Ligue 1 club Stade de Reims. Standing at 6'6" tall with impressive diving ability, he can be a promising signing for the future.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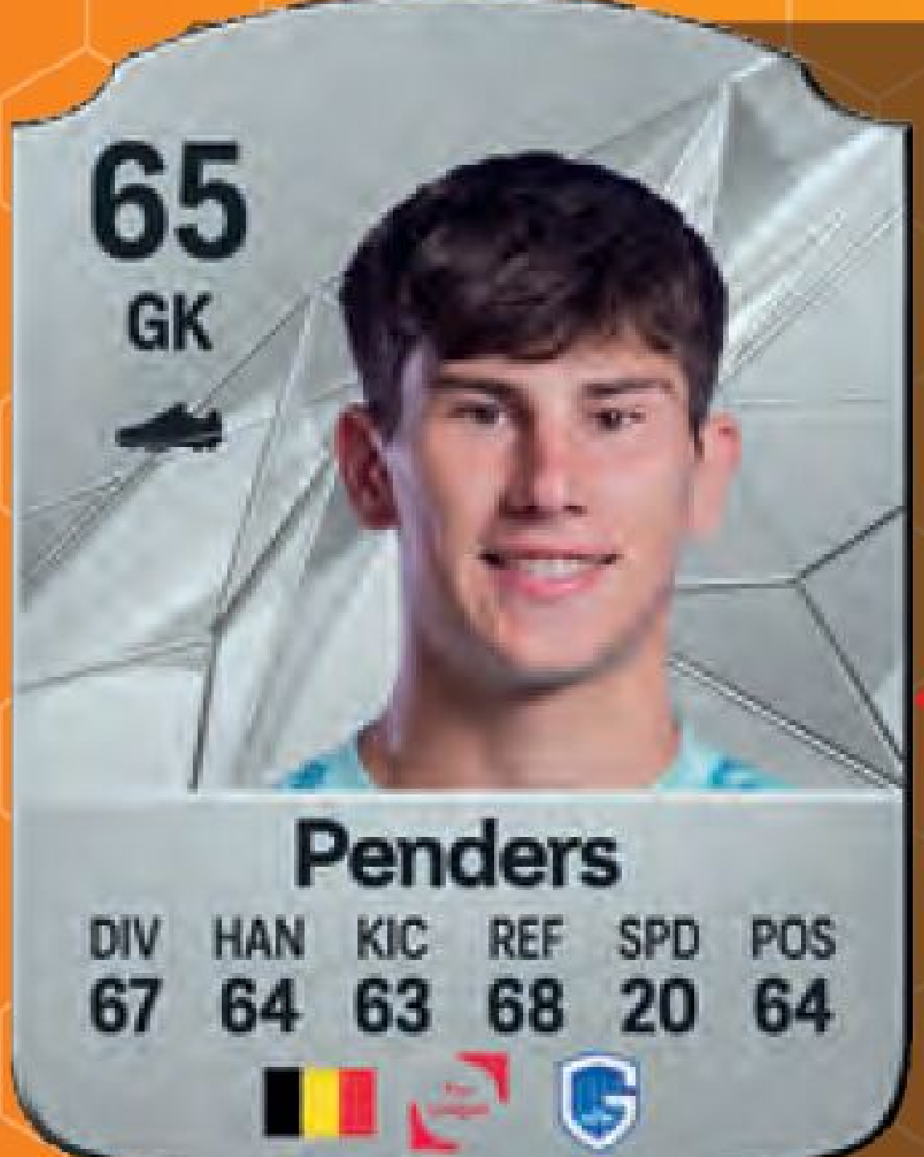
PLAYER: ANDRÉ GOMES

CLUB: BENFICA
CURRENT RATING: 65
POTENTIAL RATING: 81

Gomes is another starlet from Benfica, a club that's used to producing superstars! He's not tall for a goalkeeper, standing at only 6ft, but he's already showing progress across a number of skills and has a potential rating of 81.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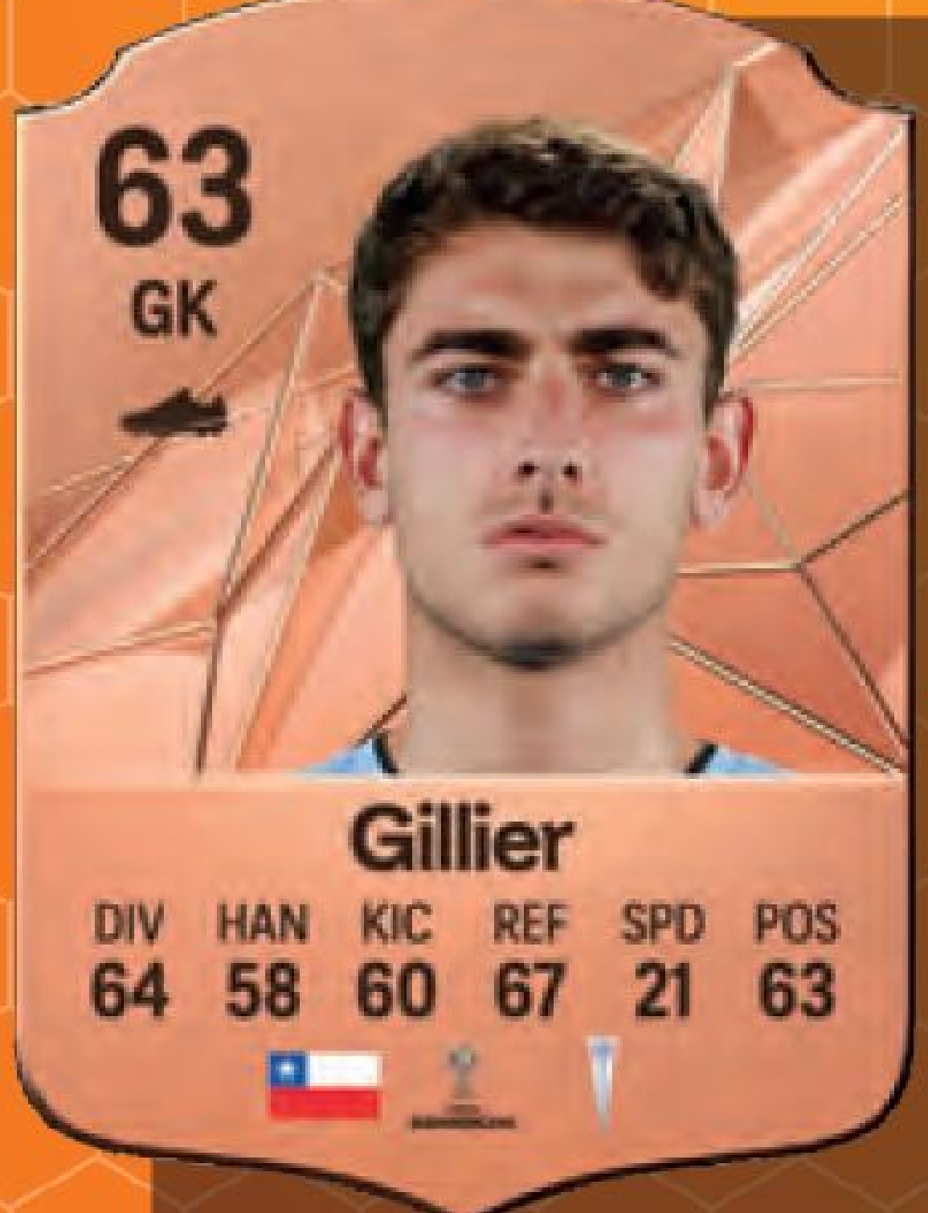
PLAYER: MIKE PENDERS

CLUB: GENK
CURRENT RATING: 65
POTENTIAL RATING: 83

Labelled the next **Thibaut Courtois**, this 6'7" Belgian giant has already been snapped up by Chelsea. Given the competition for places at Chelsea, it is possible that **Penders** could be an option in the loan market.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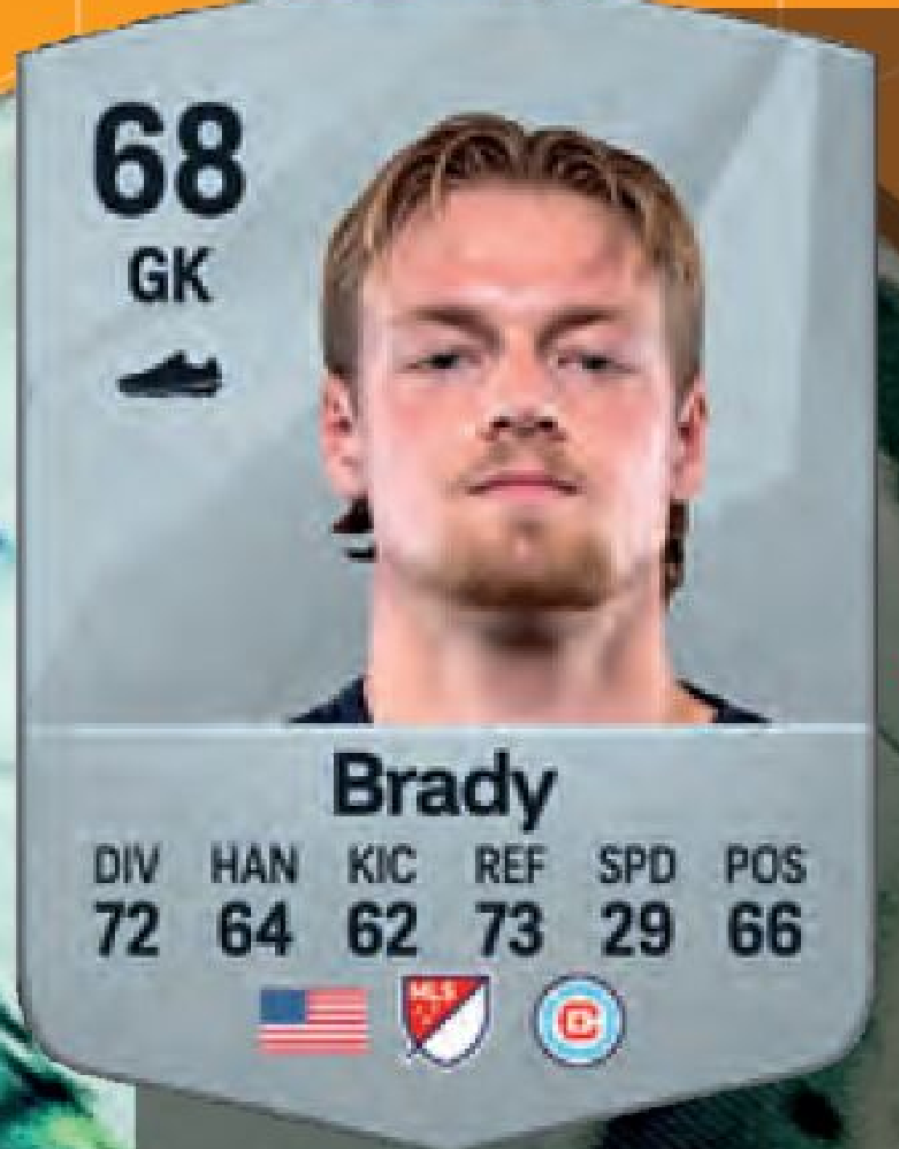
PLAYER: THOMAS GILLIER

CLUB: UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA
CURRENT RATING: 63
POTENTIAL RATING: 80

Born in 2004, **Gillier** is currently plying his trade in Chile. He's very much one for the future but already has impressive reflexes and a move to Europe may not be far away.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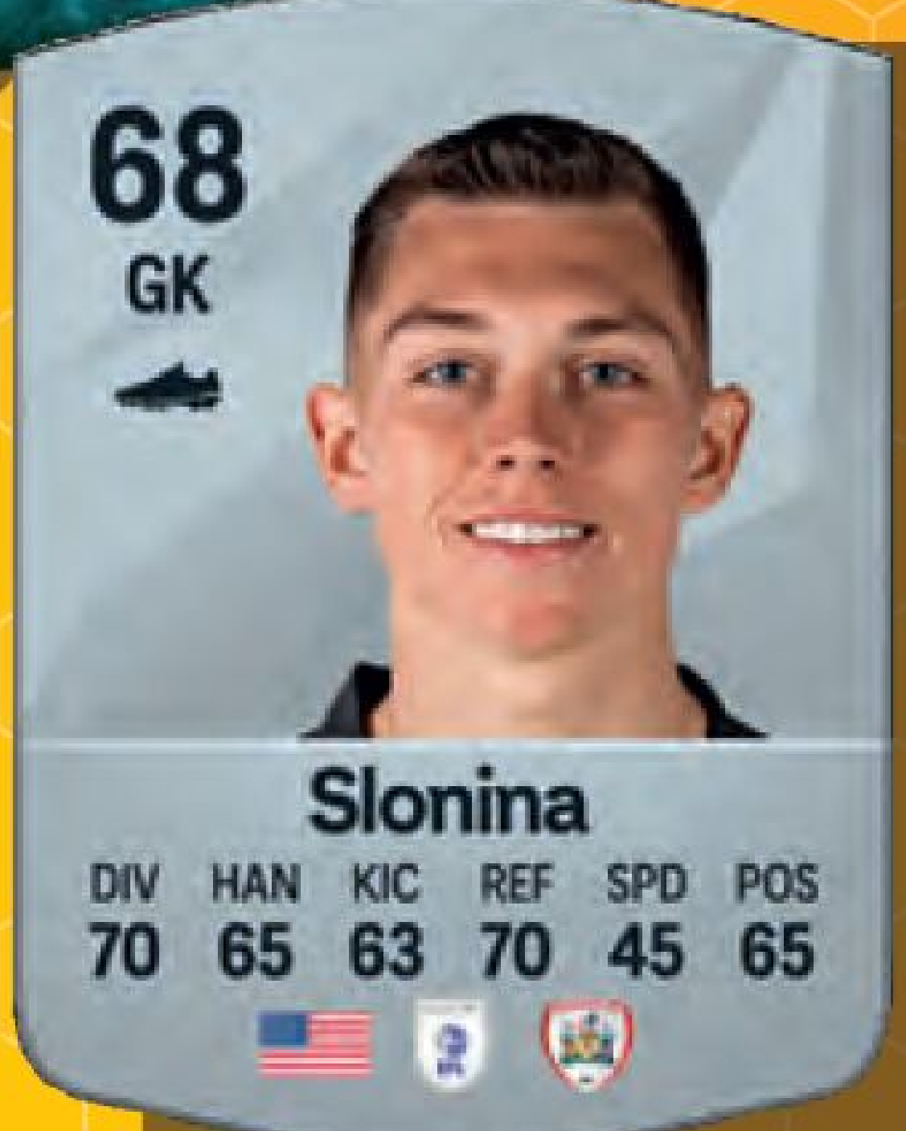
POS 66

PLAYER: CHRIS BRADY

CLUB: CHICAGO FIRE
CURRENT RATING: 68
POTENTIAL RATING: 80

Brady initially played centre-back as a youngster before making a switch to goalkeeper and then becoming one of Major League Soccer's top prospects. Part of a strong crop of promising American players, **Brady** may follow **Gabriel Slonina** to Europe before too long.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PLAYER: GABRIEL SLONINA

CLUB: BARNSLEY
CURRENT RATING: 68
POTENTIAL RATING: 81

Born in the United States, **Slonina** is another one of Chelsea's many goalkeepers, signed for £10 million when only 18 years old. He's currently out on loan at Barnsley where he is already getting praise for his sweeper-keeper ability and impressive ball-playing skills.

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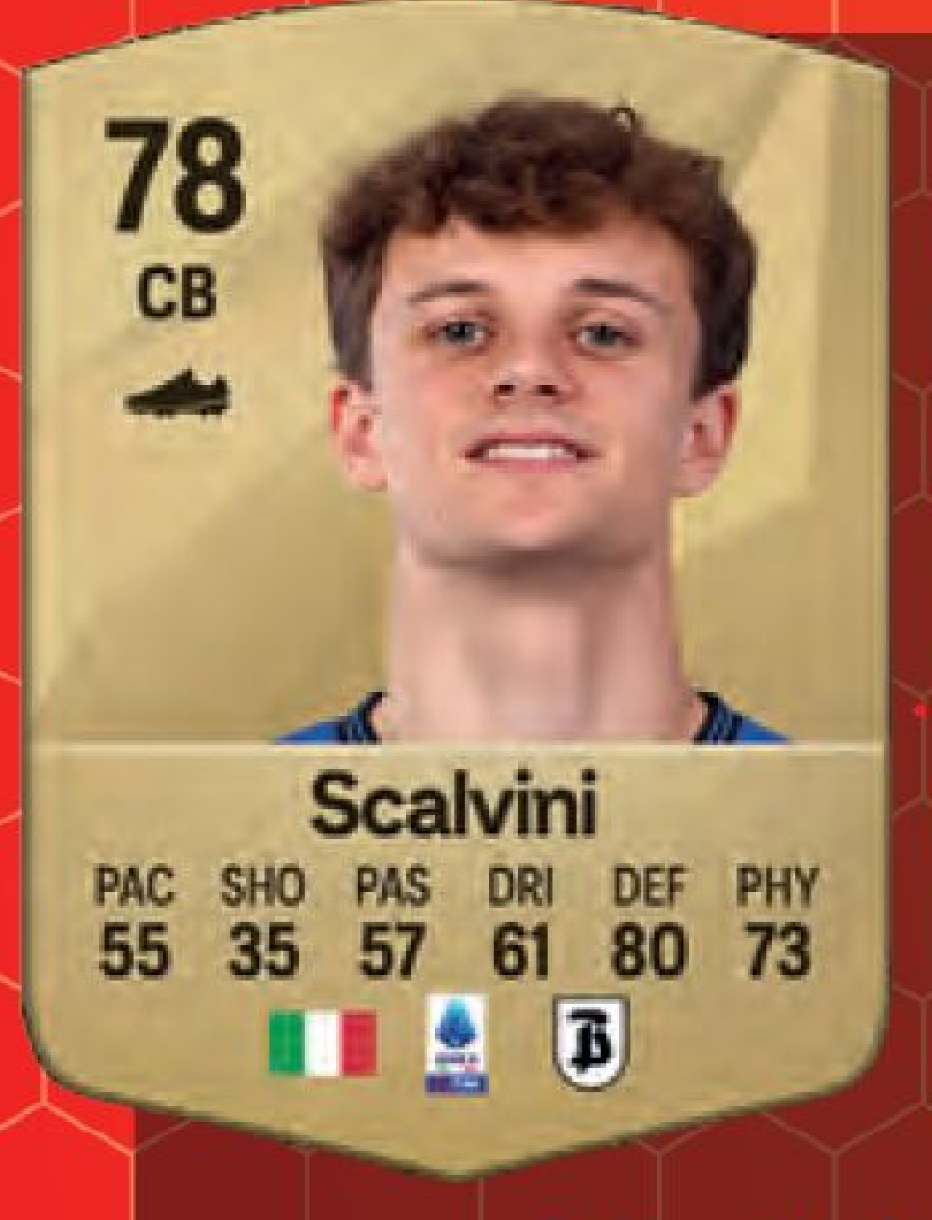
Now it's time to look in front of the goalkeeper at some high-potential defensive talent!

DEFENDER WONDERKIDS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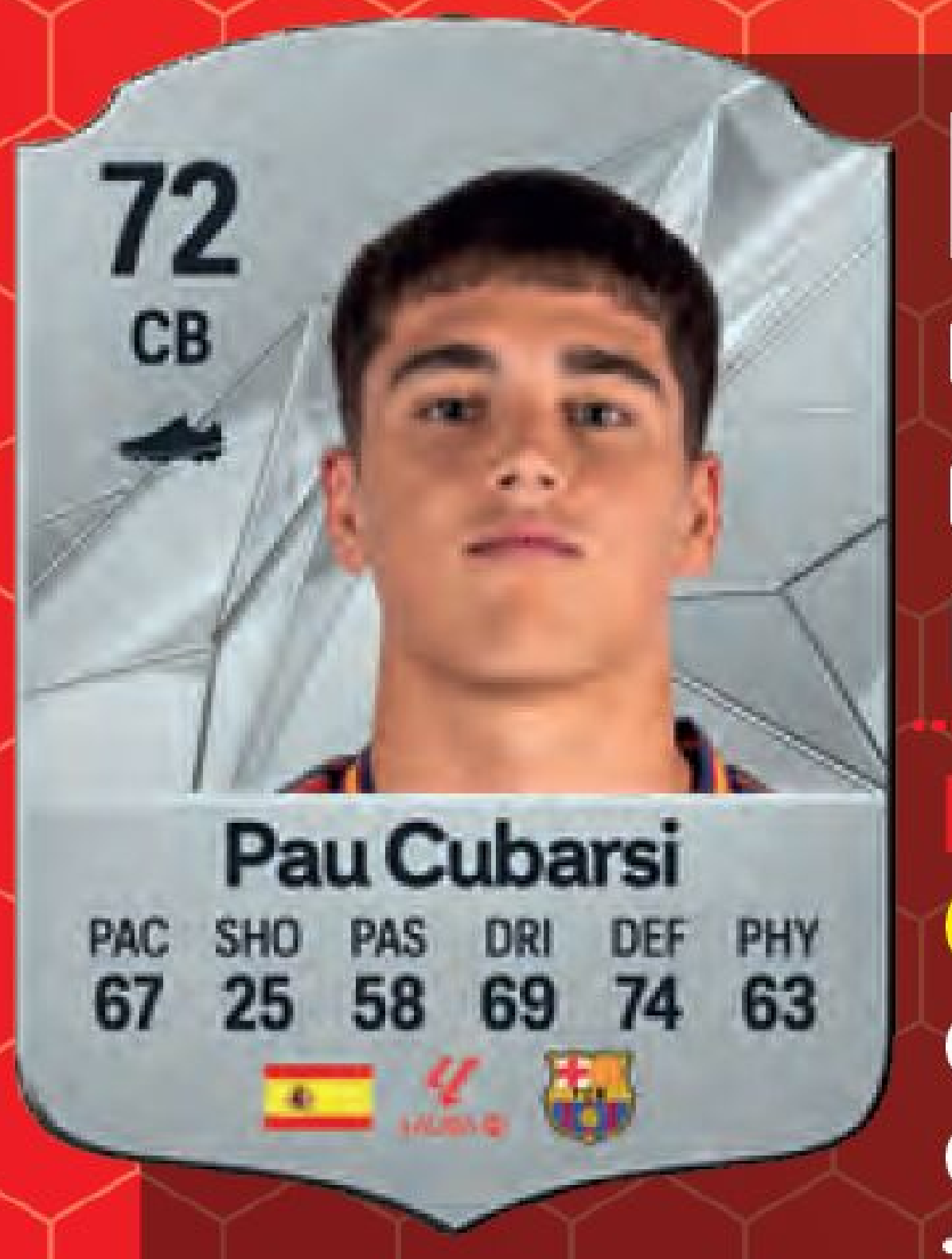
DEF 80
PHY 73

PLAYER: GIORGIO SCALVINI

CLUB: ATLANTA
CURRENT RATING: 78
POTENTIAL RATING: 88

Scalvini made his debut for Atalanta aged 17 before being capped for Italy only two years later. The latest in a long line of outstanding Italian defenders, Scalvini has the potential to be the best of the best!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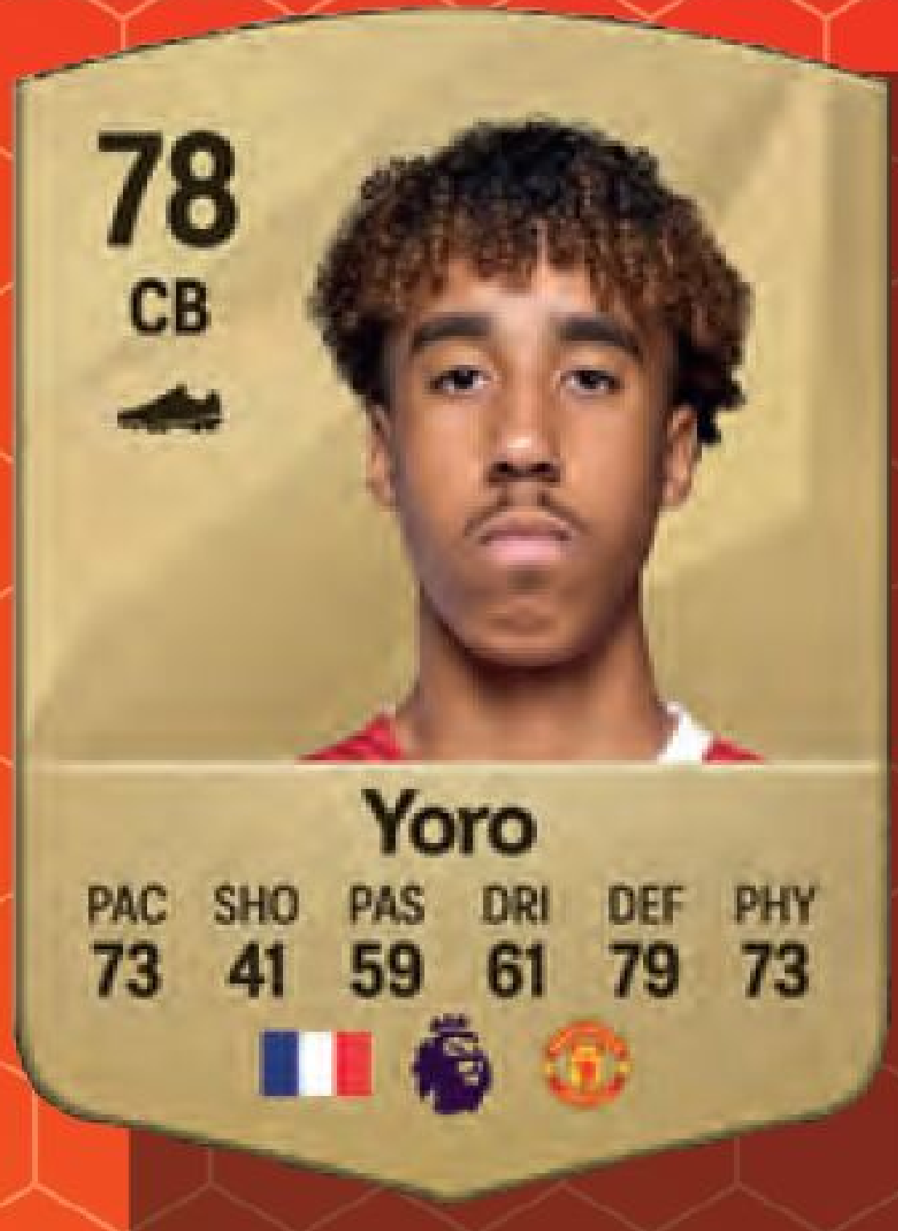
DRI 69
DEF 74
PHY 63

PLAYER: PAU CUBARSÍ

CLUB: BARCELONA
CURRENT RATING: 72
POTENTIAL RATING: 88

Born in 2007, Cubarsí is one of the youngest of Barcelona's first-team wonderkids. He has already impressed with his passing ability, reading of the game and tackling ability.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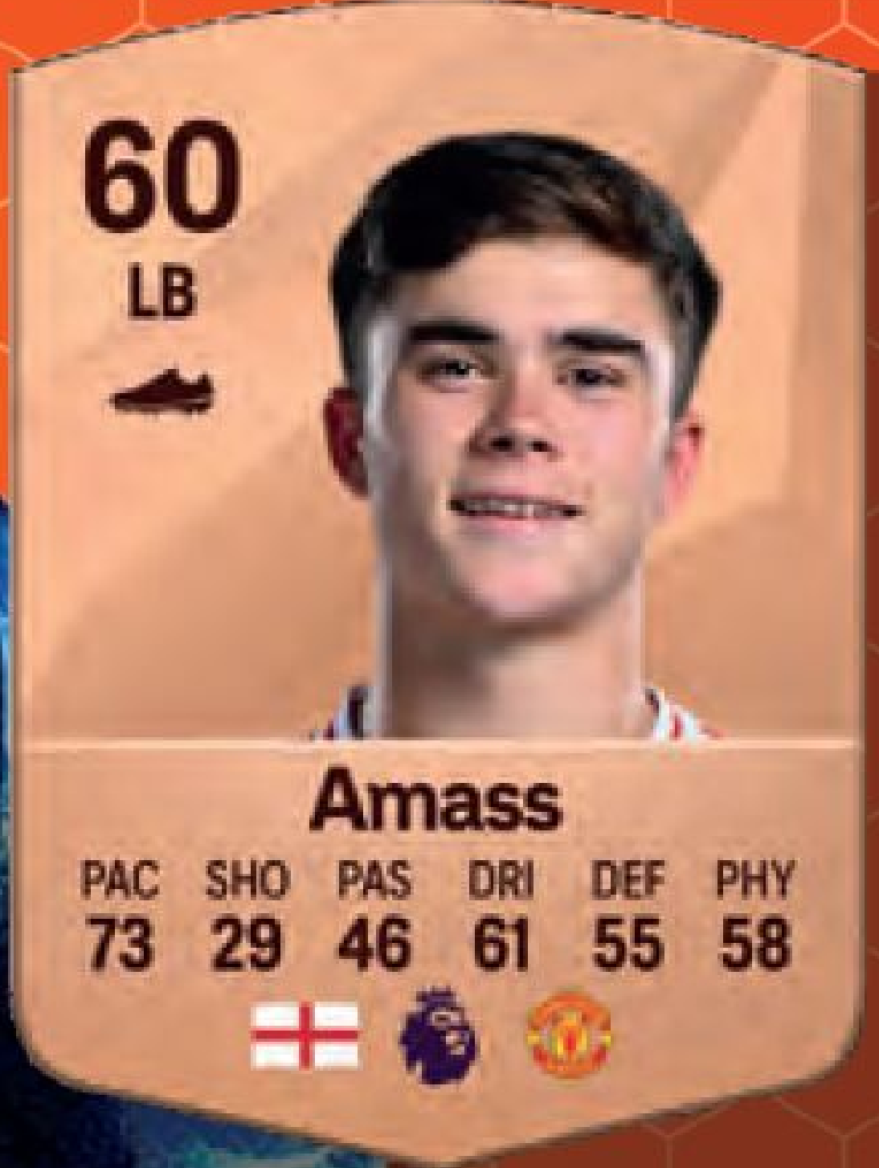
PLAYER: LENY YORO

CLUB: MANCHESTER UNITED
CURRENT RATING: 78
POTENTIAL RATING: 86

Yoro signed for Manchester United in 2024 for £52 million, making him the most expensive player aged 18 or younger. He's already shown glimpses of his classy, elegant style and could be a key part of the United defence for many years to come.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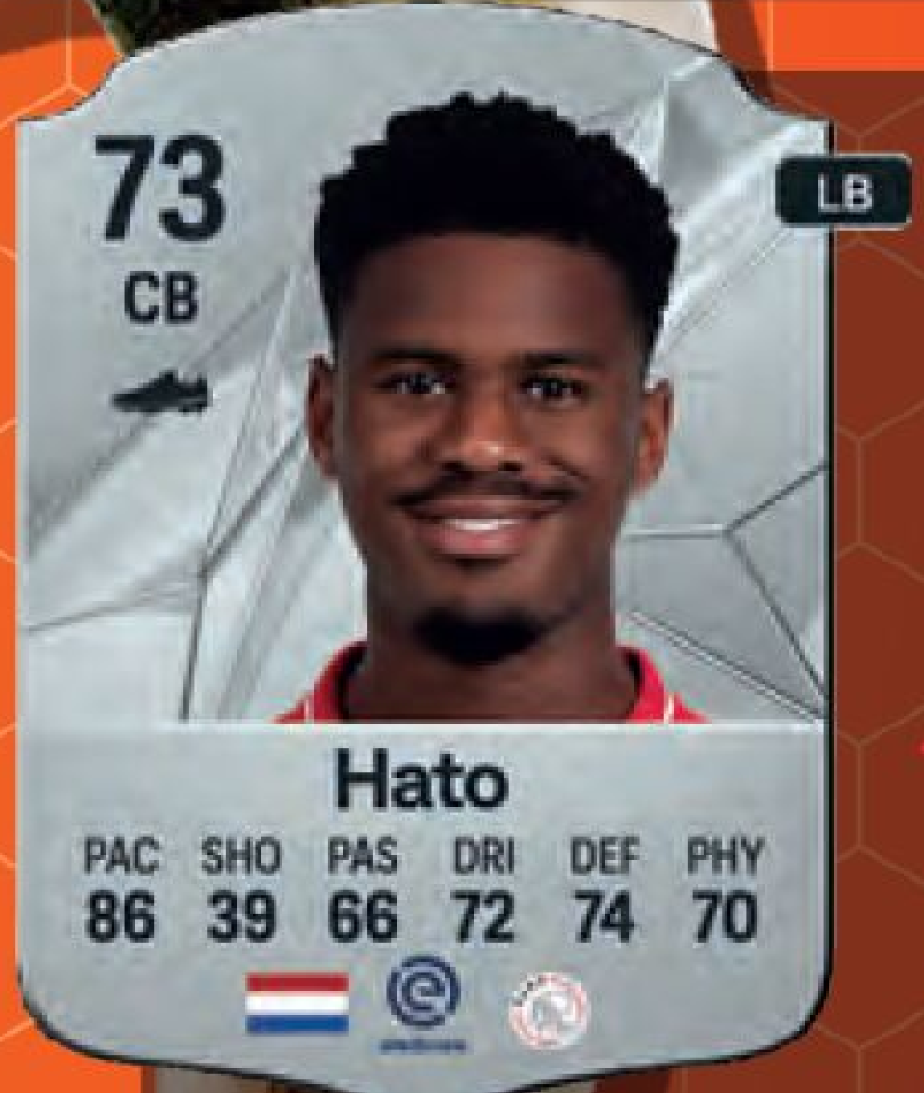
PLAYER: HARRY AMASS

CLUB: MANCHESTER UNITED
CURRENT RATING: 60
POTENTIAL RATING: 85

Amass is a tough-tackling England youth international who is working towards breaking into the first team at Manchester United. With a current rating of only 60, he has plenty of room to improve to a potential 85 rating.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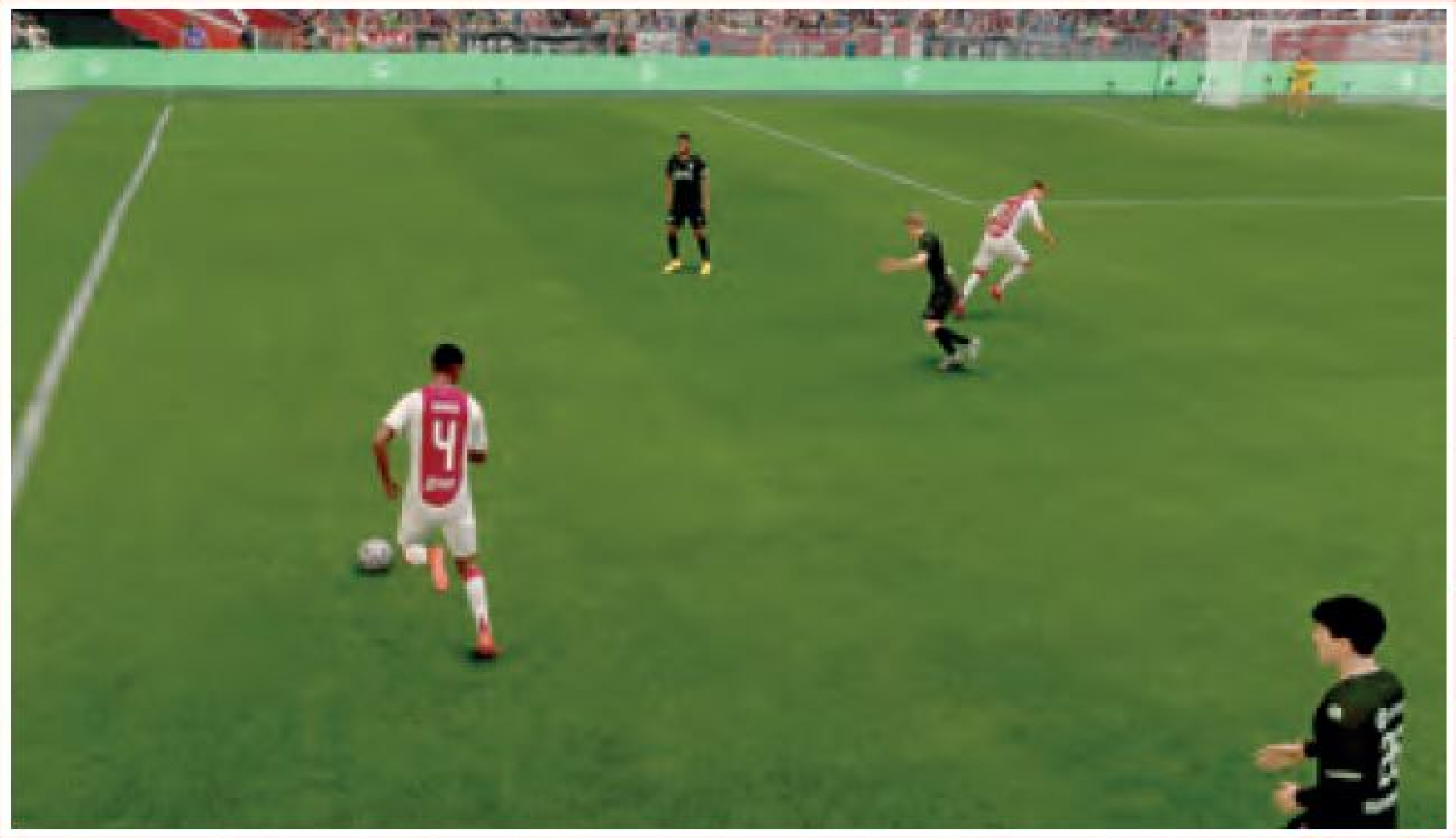
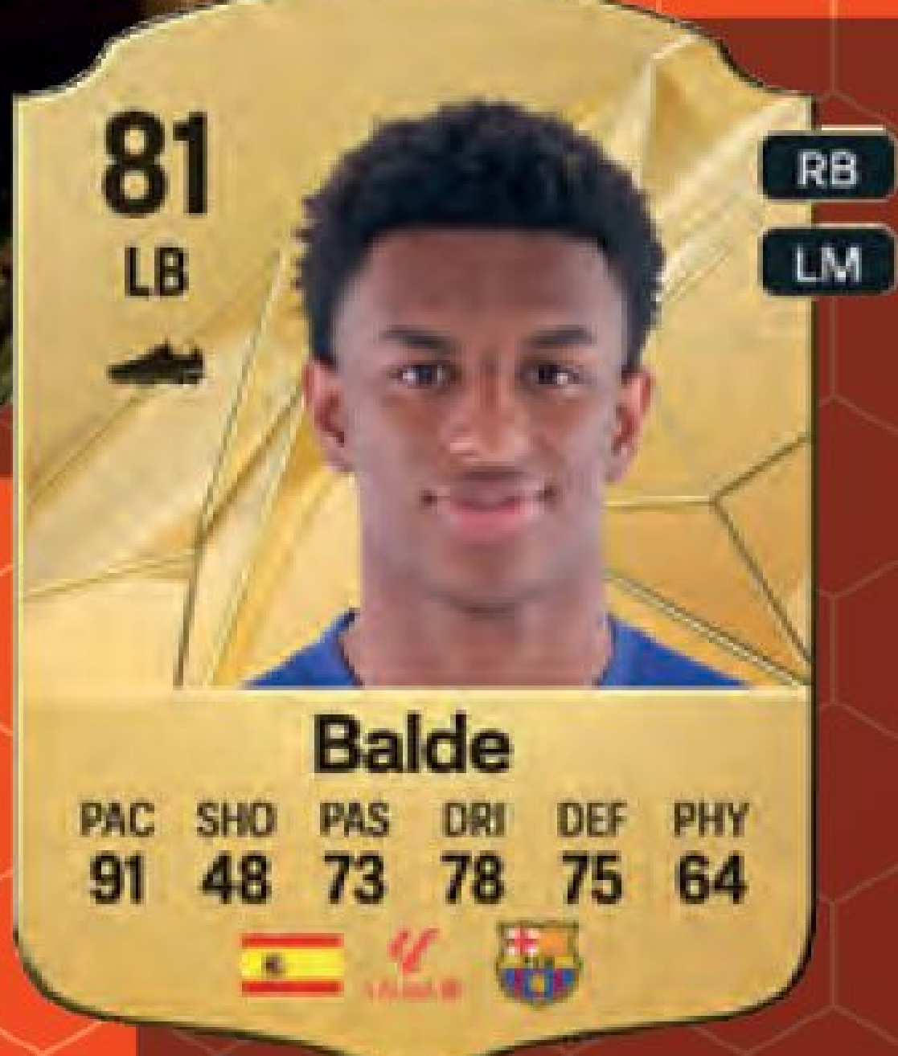
PLAYER: JORREL HATO

CLUB: AJAX
CURRENT RATING: 73
POTENTIAL RATING: 88



Left-footed **Hato** can play centre-back or left-back and has already made over 60 appearances for Dutch giants Ajax. As well as stopping attackers, he's also comfortable attacking forward with the ball.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PLAYER: ALEJANDRO BALDE

CLUB: BARCELONA
CURRENT RATING: 81
POTENTIAL RATING: 89

Barcelona's young left-back is one of the many promising youngsters they now have in the first-team. **Balde** is attack-minded, not short of pace and great for those over-lapping runs!

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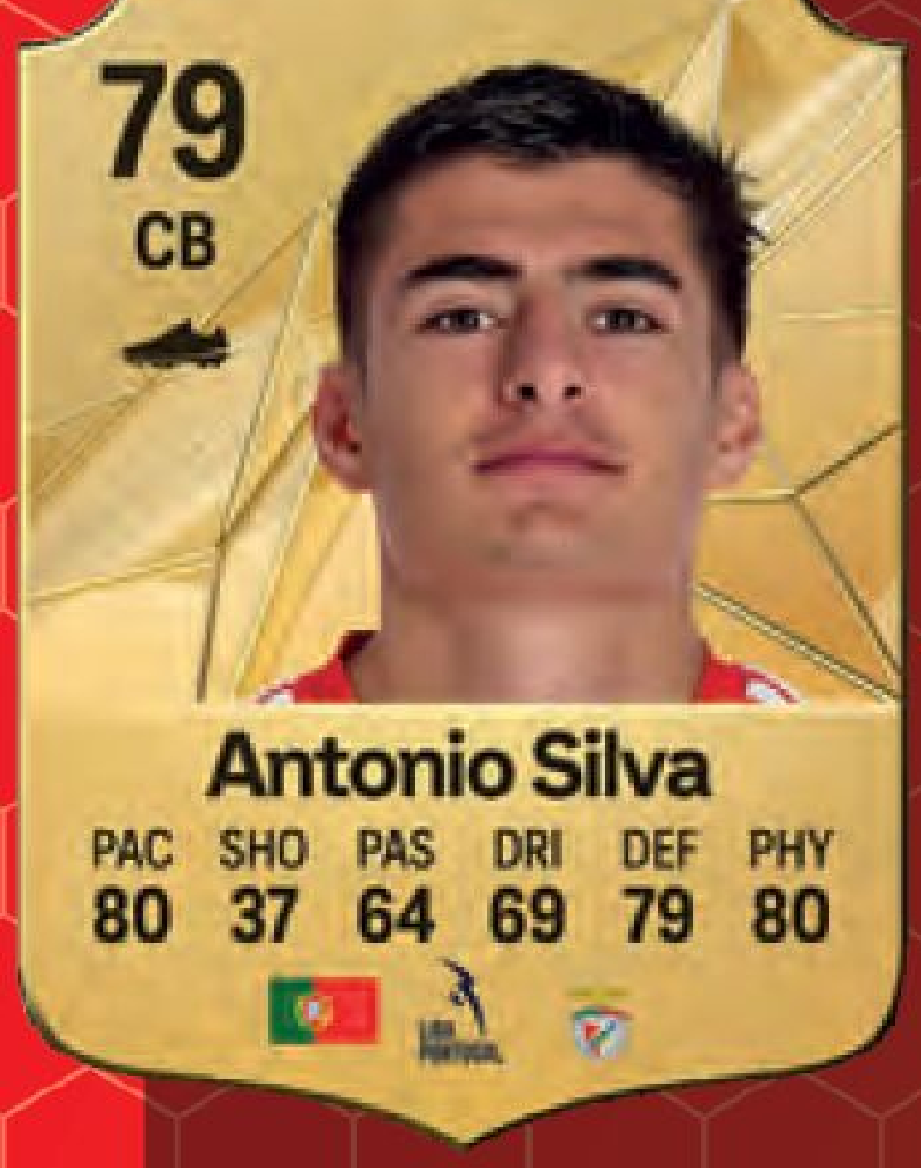
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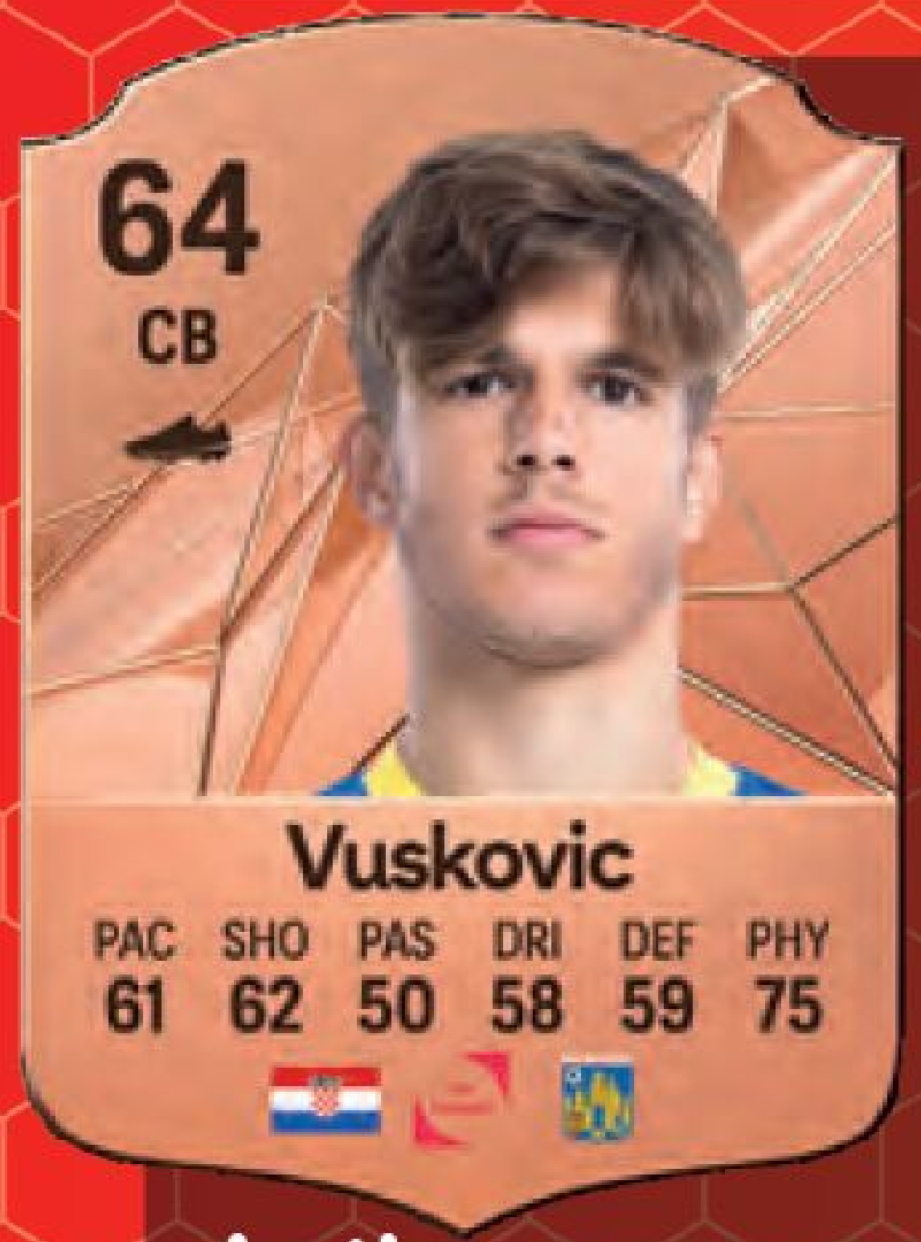
PLAYER: ANTÓNIO SILVA

CLUB: BENFICA
CURRENT RATING: 79
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

Silva is already a first-team regular at Benfica as well as a regular for the Portuguese national team. Comfortable with both feet and a sound ability to read the game, he's tipped as a future Portugal captain.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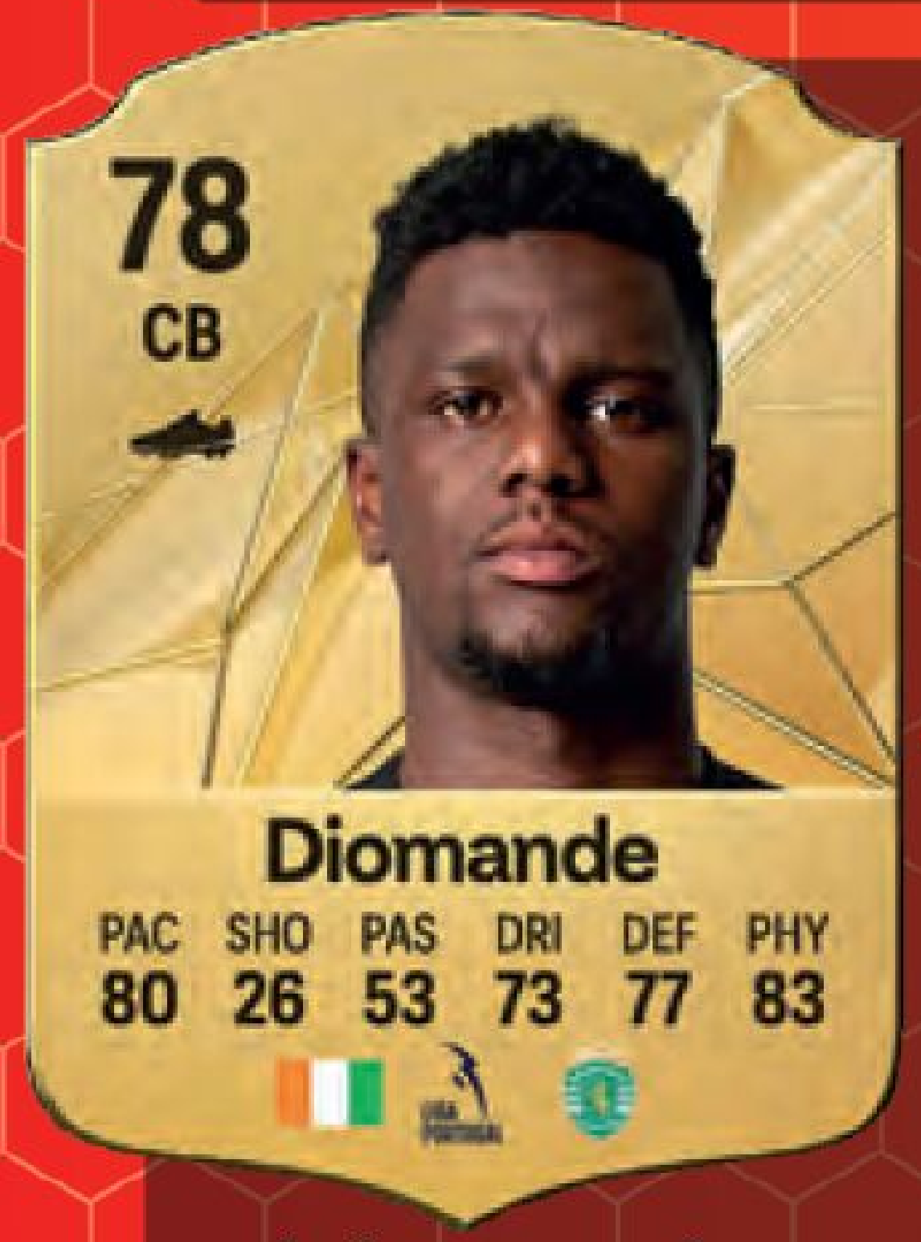
PLAYER: LUKA VUŠKOVIĆ

CLUB: WESTERLO
CURRENT RATING: 64
POTENTIAL RATING: 86

Vušković is currently on loan in Belgium but will join Tottenham in the summer of 2025. Having made his debut in the Croatian league only two days after turning 16, he has shown promise from an early age.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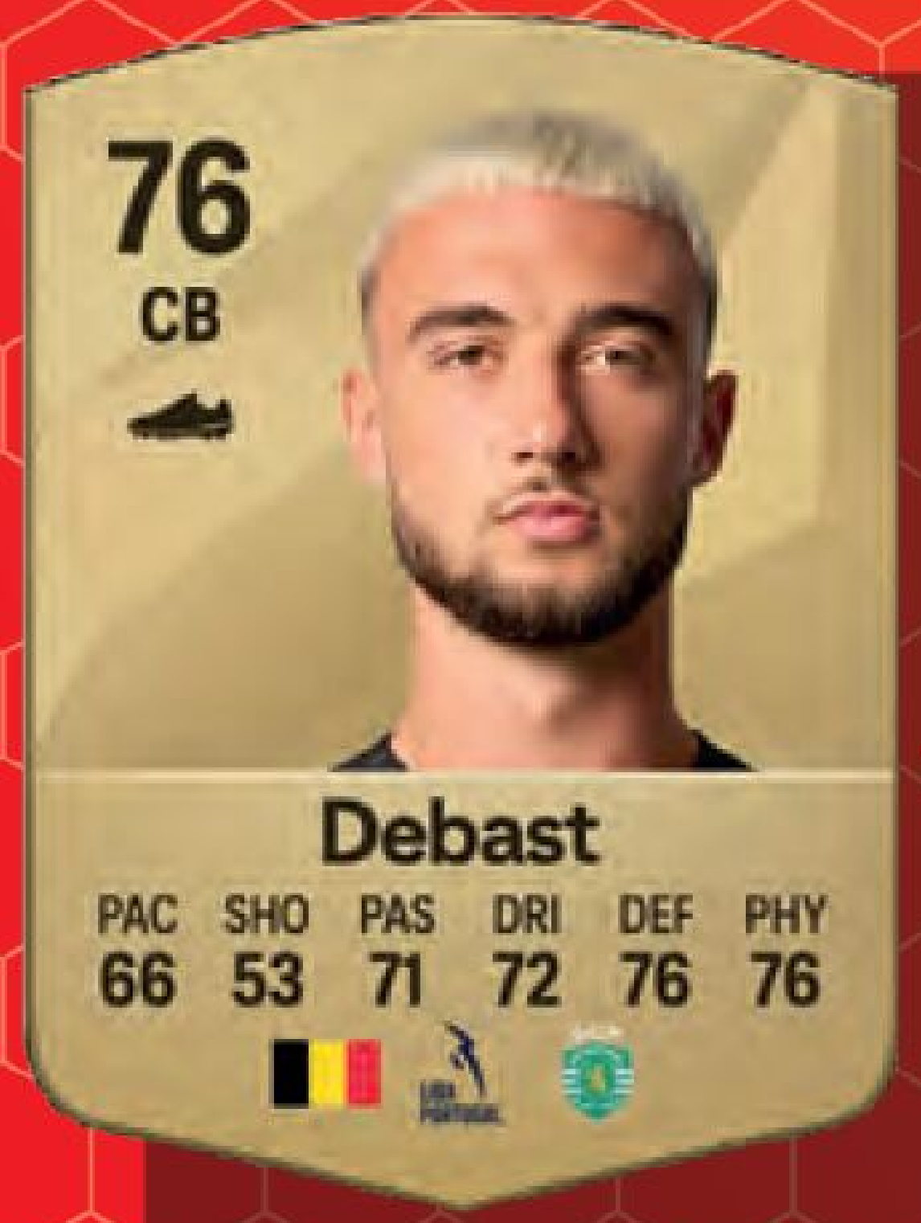
PLAYER: OUSMANE DIOMANDE

CLUB: SPORTING
CURRENT RATING: 78
POTENTIAL RATING: 86

A right-sided defender with impressive physicality, vision and speed, **Diomande** impressed in Denmark before making a £6 million move to Sporting. Could the next stop be the Premier League?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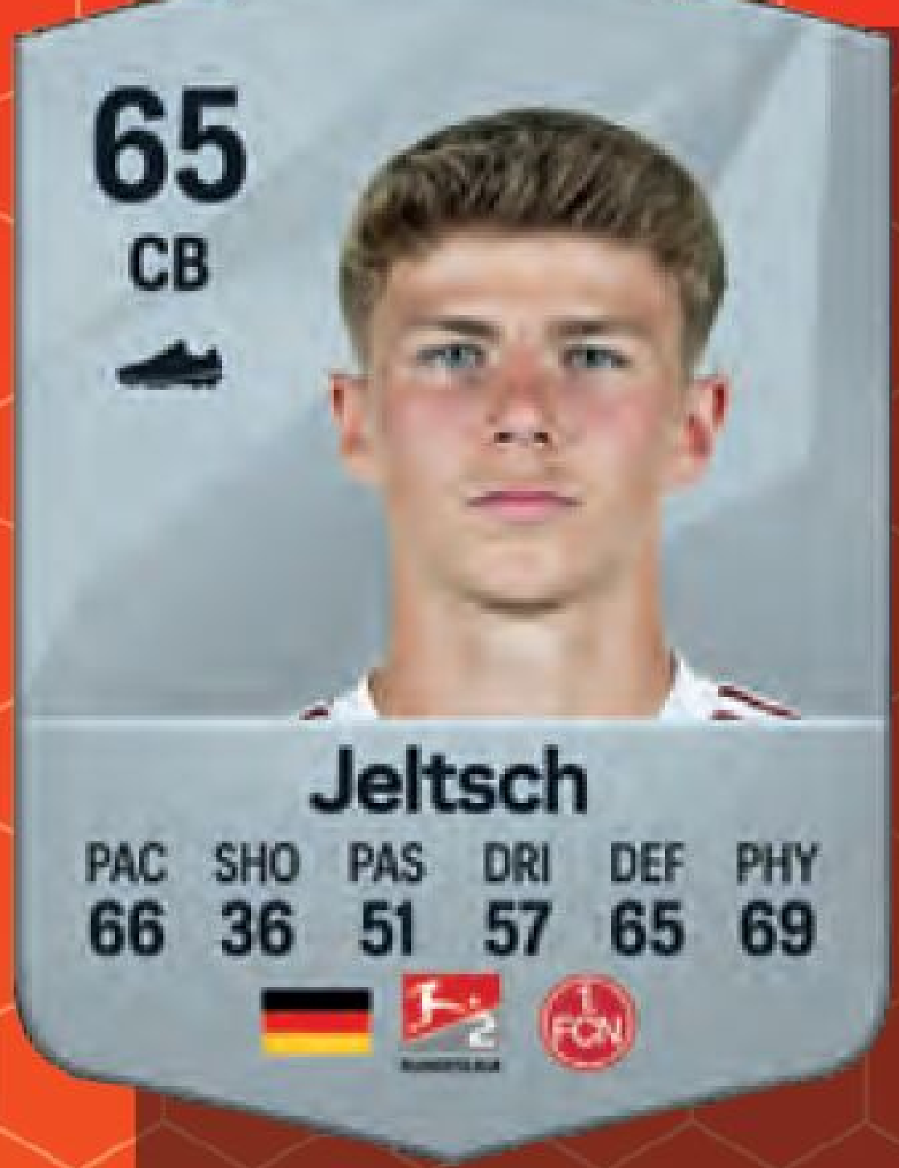
PLAYER: ZENO DEBAST

CLUB: SPORTING
CURRENT RATING: 76
POTENTIAL RATING: 86

Signed by Sporting from Anderlecht for £14 million plus add-ons and a 15% sell-on clause, **Debast** relishes defending, particularly in 1v1 situations where he excels.

DID YOU KNOW?

That in the 1993-94 season, AC Milan won Serie A and did it by only conceding 15 goals! Now that is what we call a mean defence!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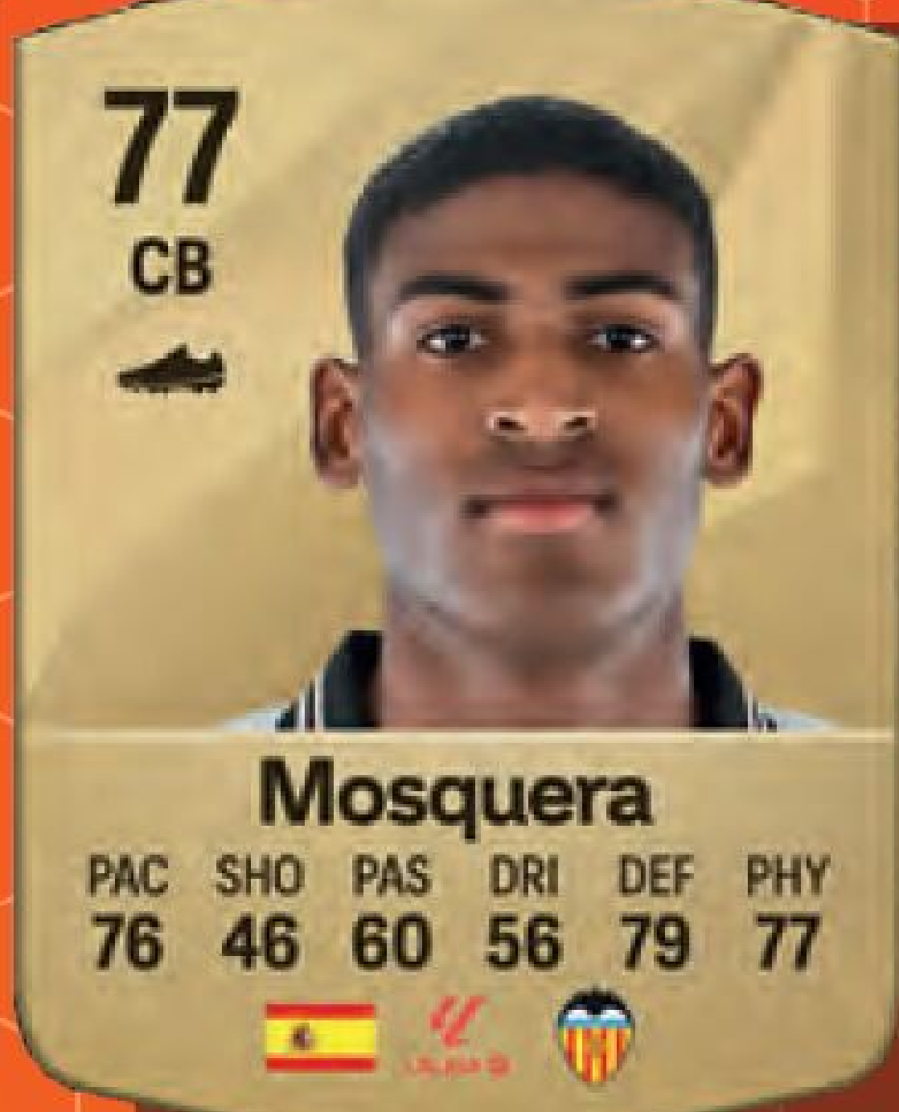
DEF 65
PHY 69

PLAYER: FINN JELTSCH

CLUB: NÜRNBERG
CURRENT RATING: 65
POTENTIAL RATING: 84

■ **Jeltsch** is a good player to target given his low current rating and high potential ceiling. He has strong recovery pace and makes well-timed tackles.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Mosquera
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PAS 60
DRI 56
DEF 79
PHY 77

PLAYER: CRISTHIAN MOSQUERA

CLUB: VALENCIA
CURRENT RATING: 77
POTENTIAL RATING: 86

■ While **Mosquera** has predominantly played at centre-back, he can also play full-back on both sides. He has good anticipation skills, ball-playing ability and pace to go with it!

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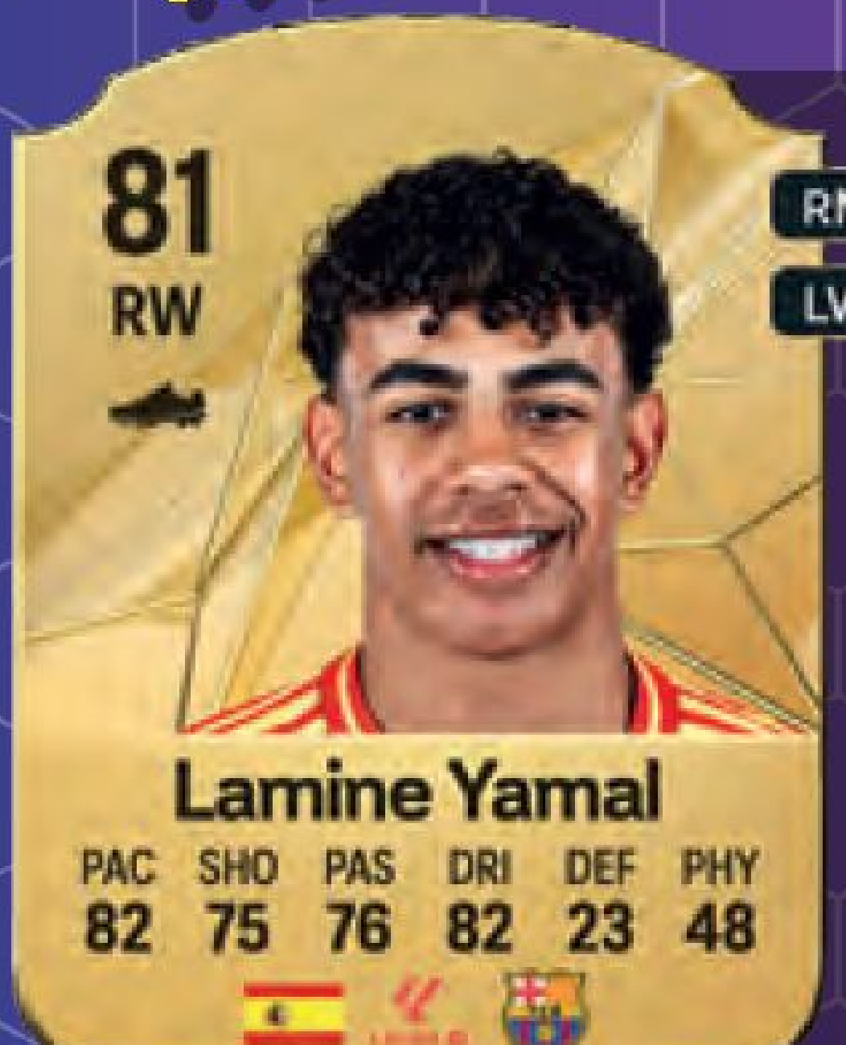
Now it's time to identify some major talent across the midfield area!

MIDFIELD WONDERKIDS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PAC SHO PAS DRI DEF PHY
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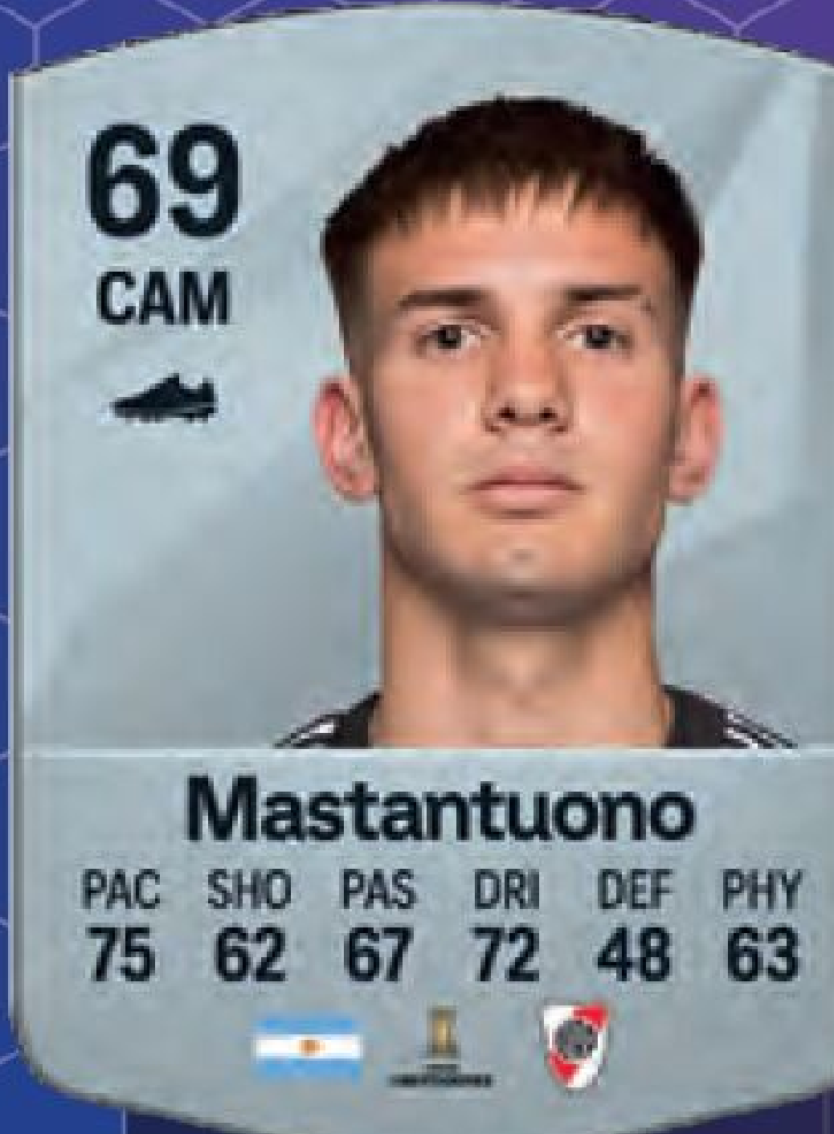
PLAYER: LAMINE YAMAL

CLUB: BARCELONA
CURRENT RATING: 81
POTENTIAL RATING: 94

Aged only six, Yamal was scouted by Barcelona and invited to train. Since then, he's gone on to become a first team regular, win La Liga and become a Euro 2024 champion with Spain. With fantastic passing ability, dribbling skills, pace and balance, there is nothing this guy can't do!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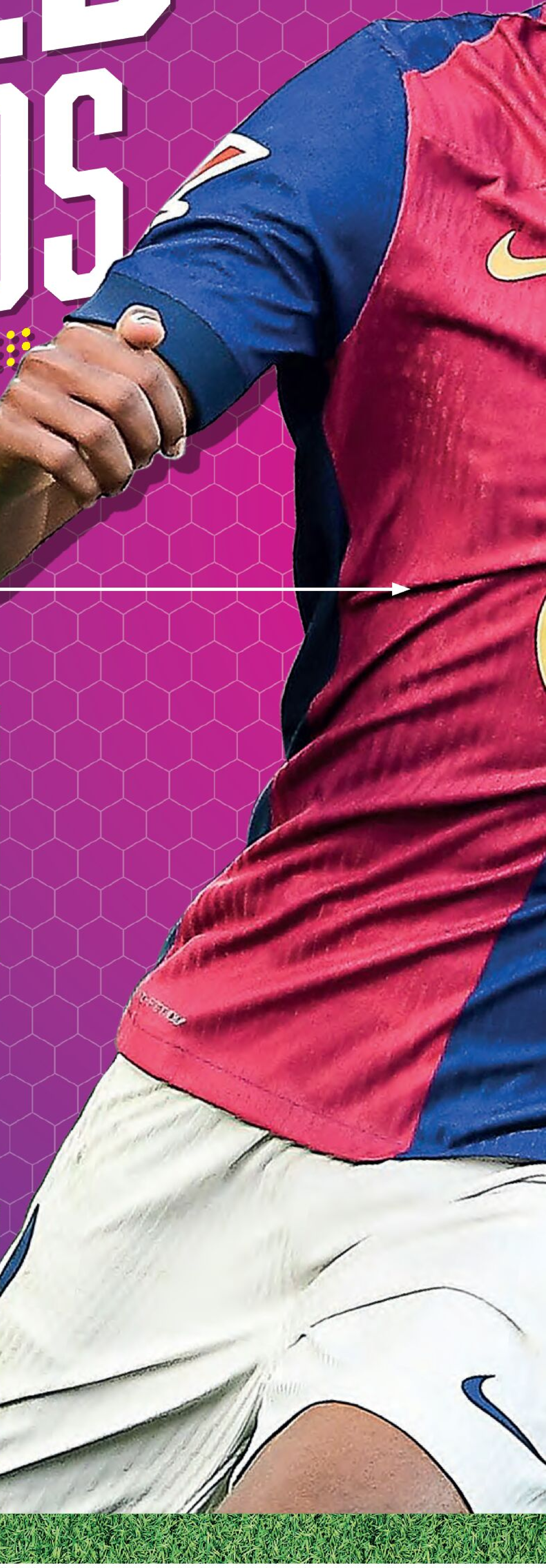
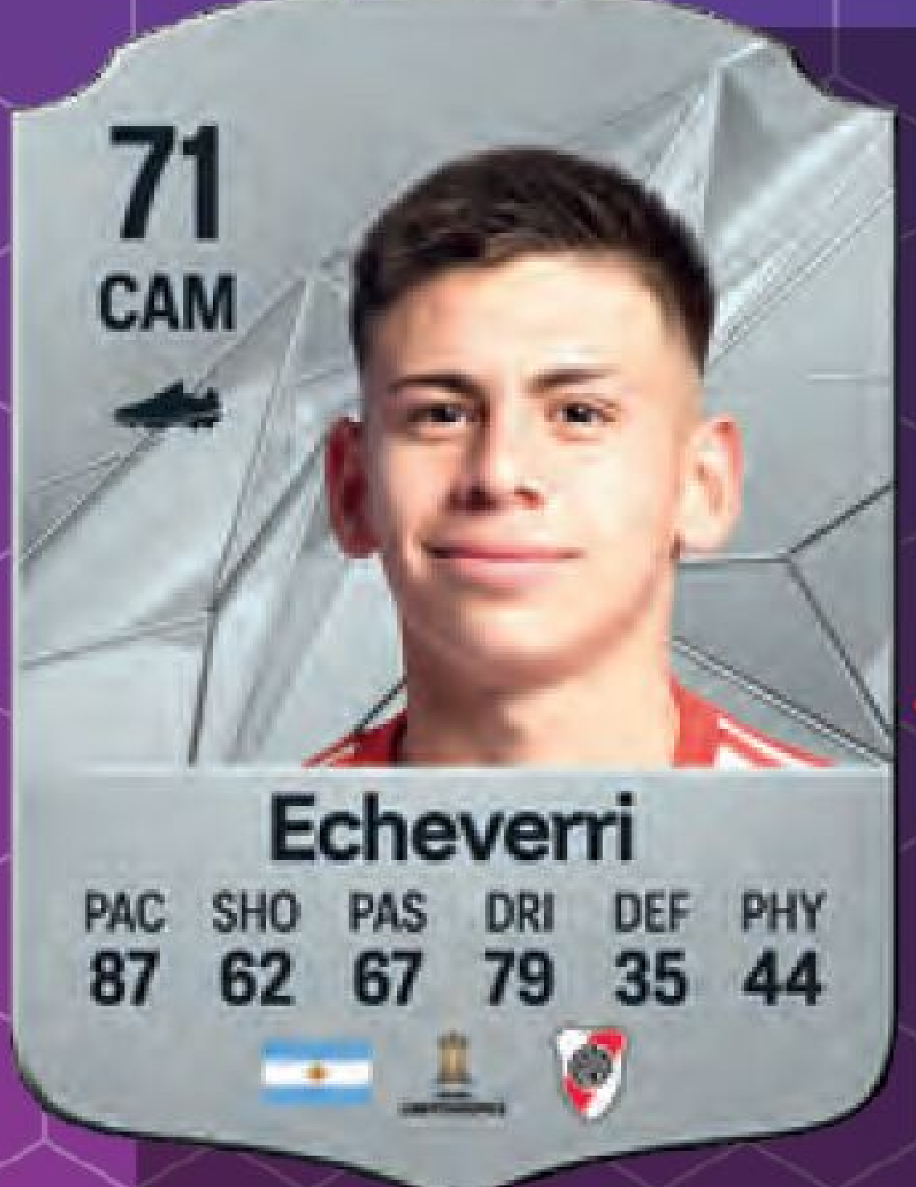
PLAYER: FRANCO MASTANTUONO

CLUB: RIVER PLATE
CURRENT RATING: 69
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

This left-footed midfielder is already noted for his ball-striking ability. With low current stats and high potential rating, Mastantuono is a player worth trying to pick up in Career Mode.

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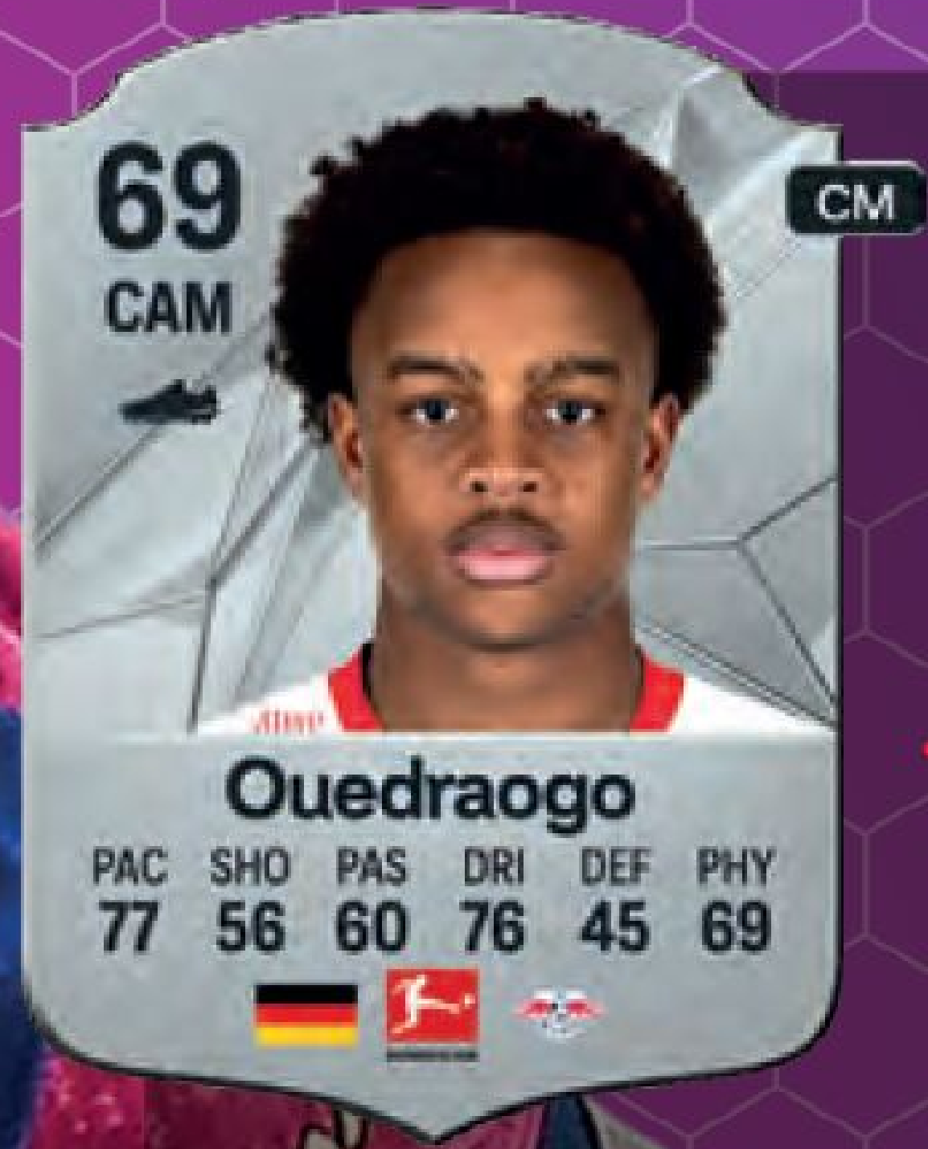
PLAYER: CLAUDIO ECHEVERRI

CLUB: RIVER PLATE
CURRENT RATING: 71
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

■ With pace to burn and impressive dribbling skills, **Echeverri** has the potential to make a big impact with Manchester City whom he signed for in January 2024 before being loaned back to River Plate.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PLAYER: ASSAN OUÉDRAOGO

CLUB: RB LEIPZIG
CURRENT RATING: 69
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

■ RB Leipzig splashed out nearly £9 million to sign this youngster when only 18 years old. A box-to-box midfielder, he's an imposing figure who can carry the ball well.

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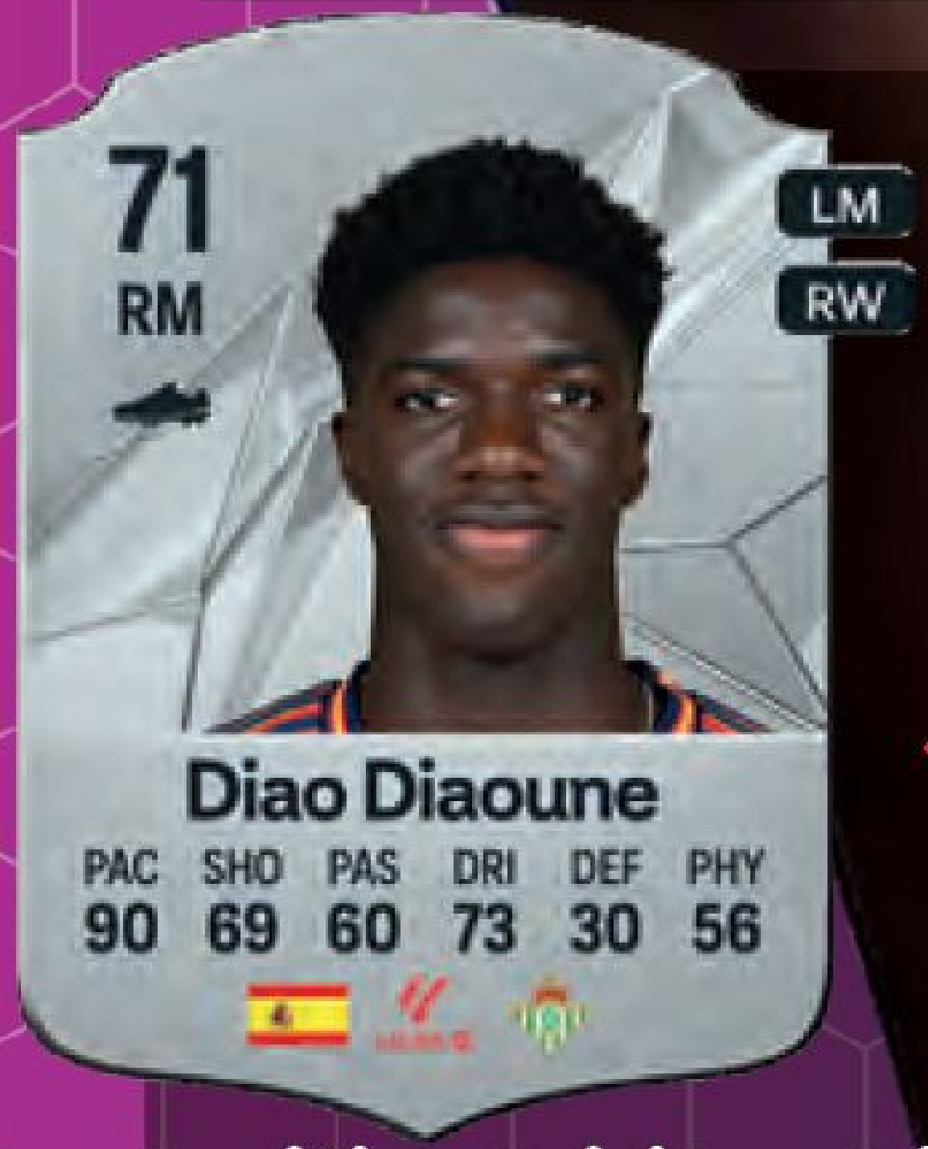
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PLAYER: ASSANE DIAO DIAOUNE

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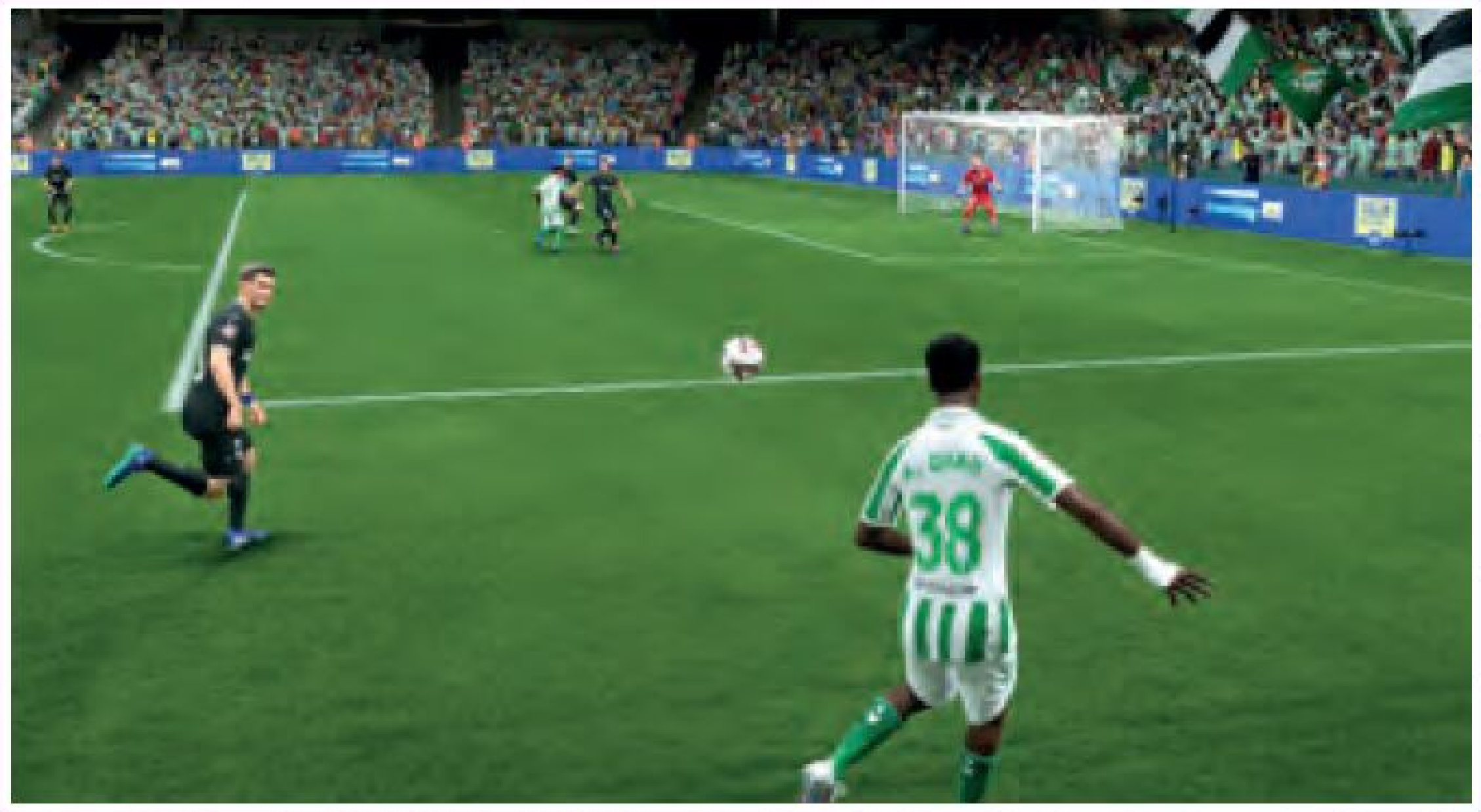
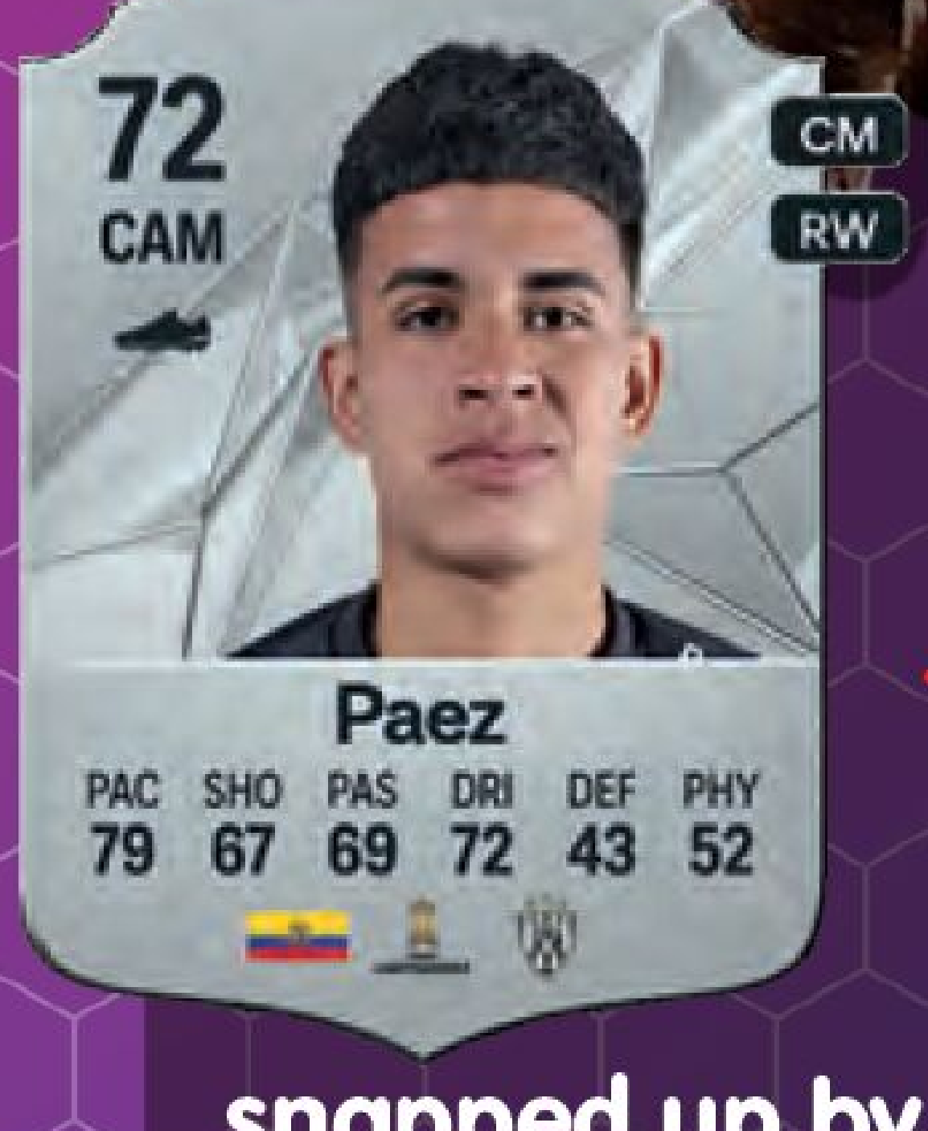


■ This young midfielder can play on either side and possesses explosive acceleration and sprint speed. With his shooting and dribbling skills sure to improve, he'll be a match for any defender.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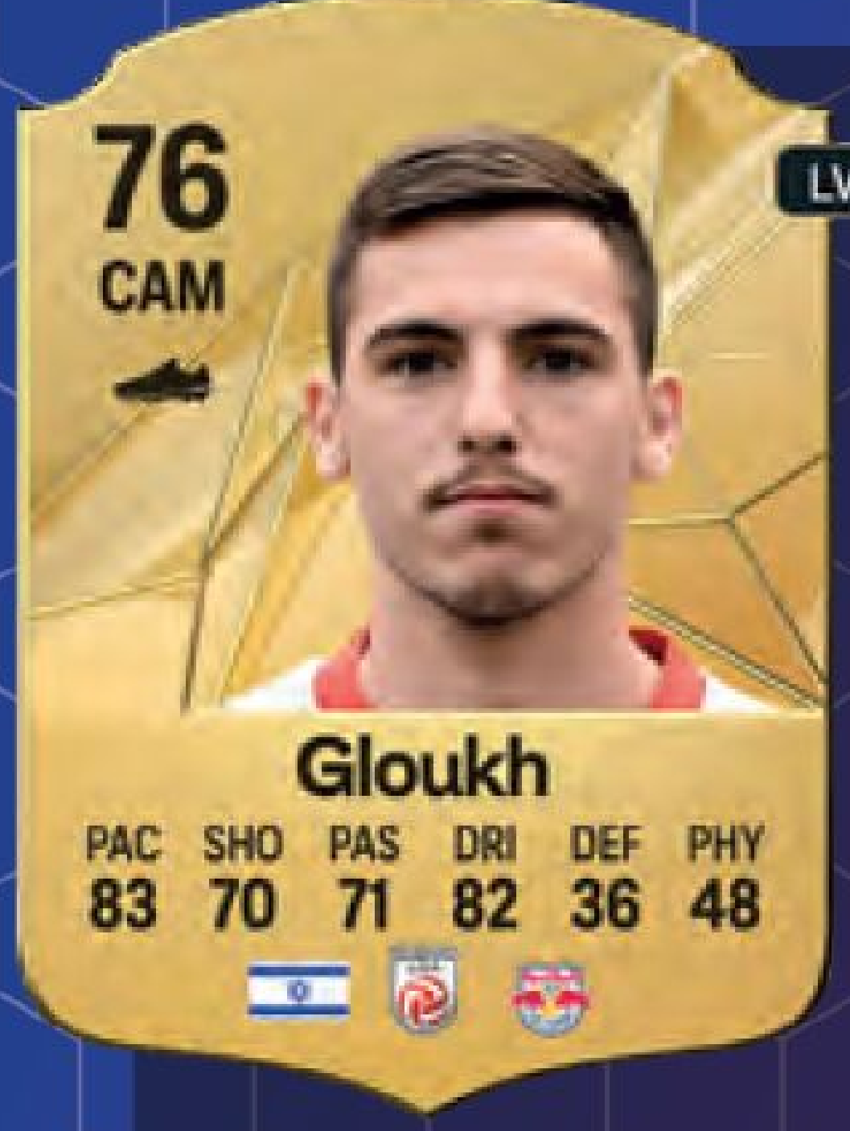
PLAYER: KENDRY PÁEZ

CLUB: INDEPENDIENTE DEL VALLE
CURRENT RATING: 72
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

■ This Ecuadorian wonderkid has already been snapped up by Chelsea and will join the club in 2025. Ideal in the number 10 role, **Páez** has good close control and is very skilled at spotting teammates' runs and playing through balls.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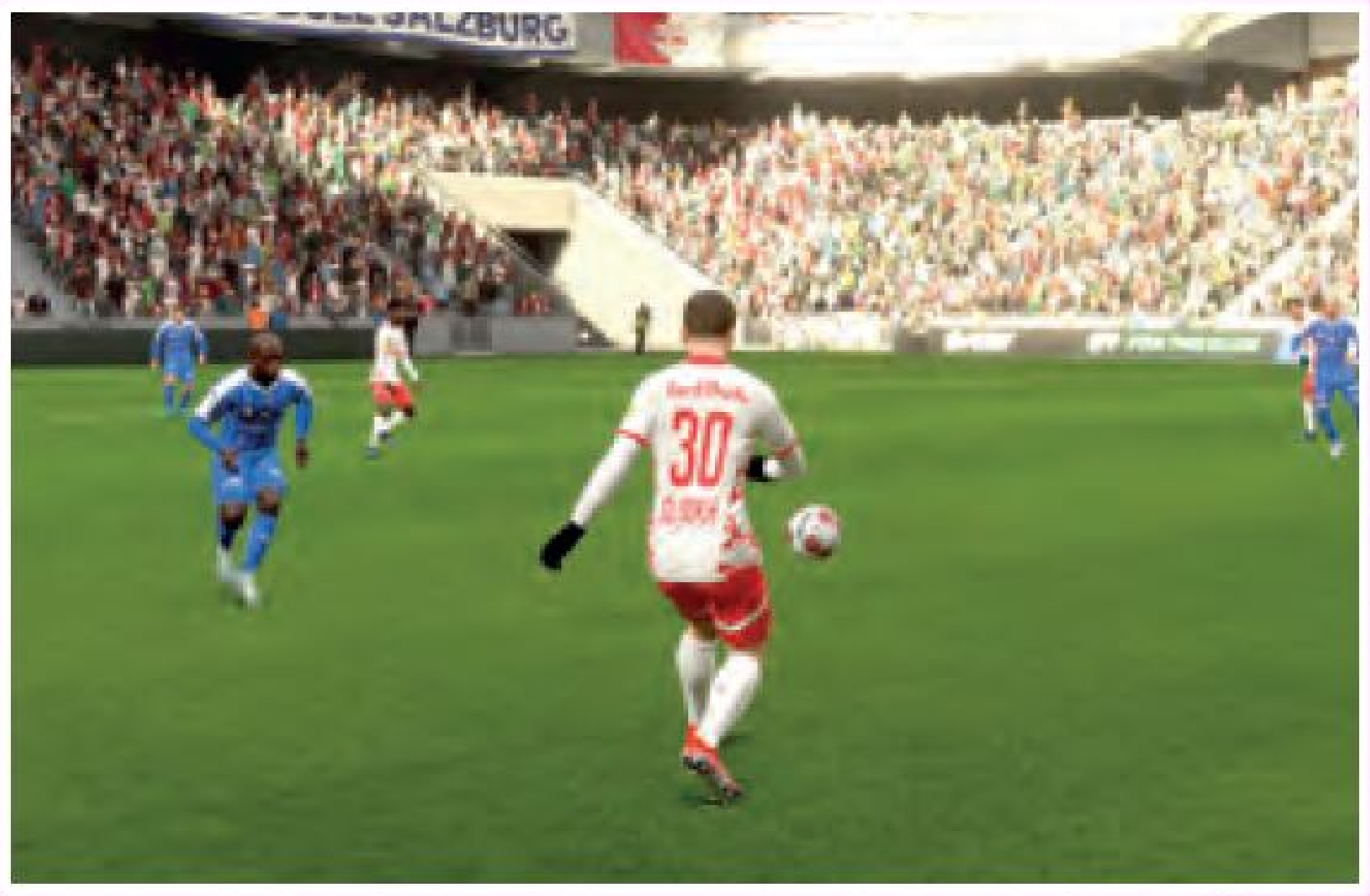
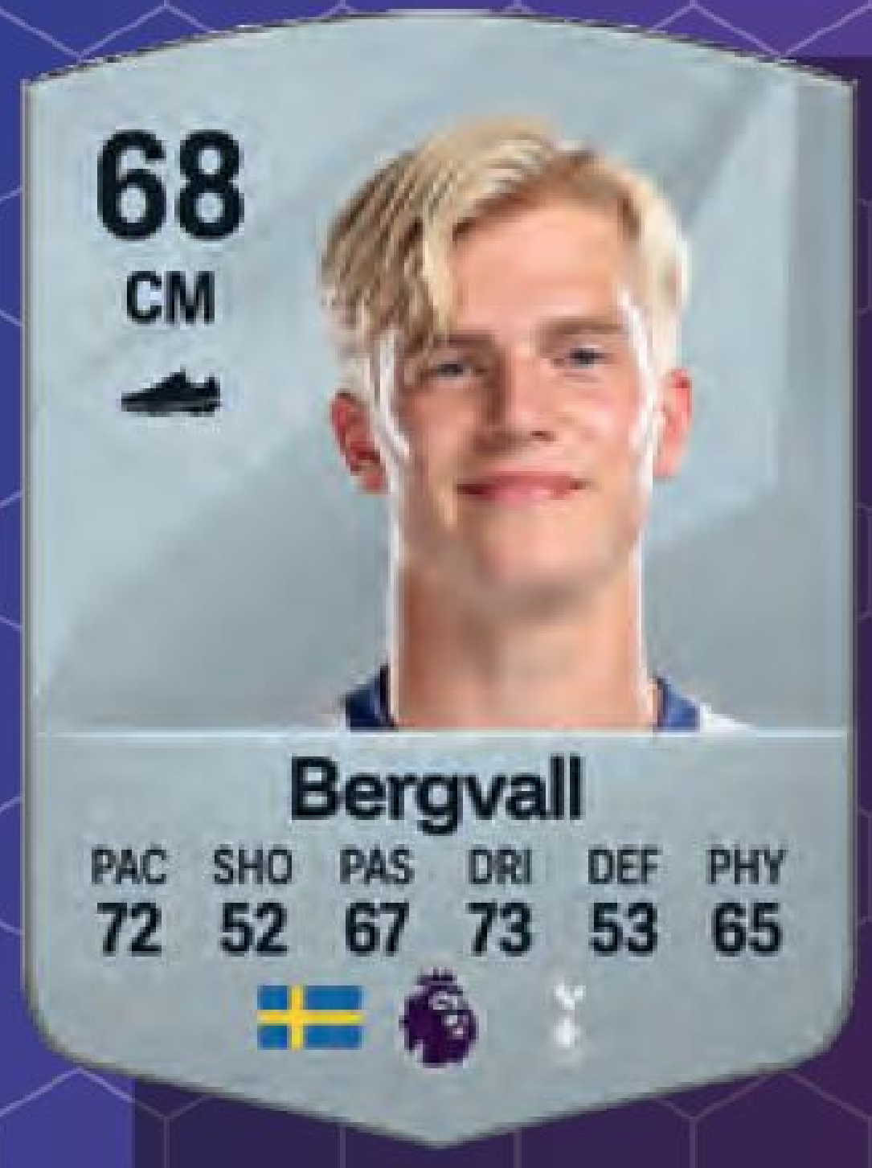
PLAYER: OSCAR GLOUKH

CLUB: RB SALZBURG
CURRENT RATING: 76
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

■ **Gloukh** is an Israeli attacking midfielder already being linked with the big Premier League clubs. With impressive composure, creativity and vision, **Gloukh** could be a playmaker you'll be hearing a lot more about in the coming years.

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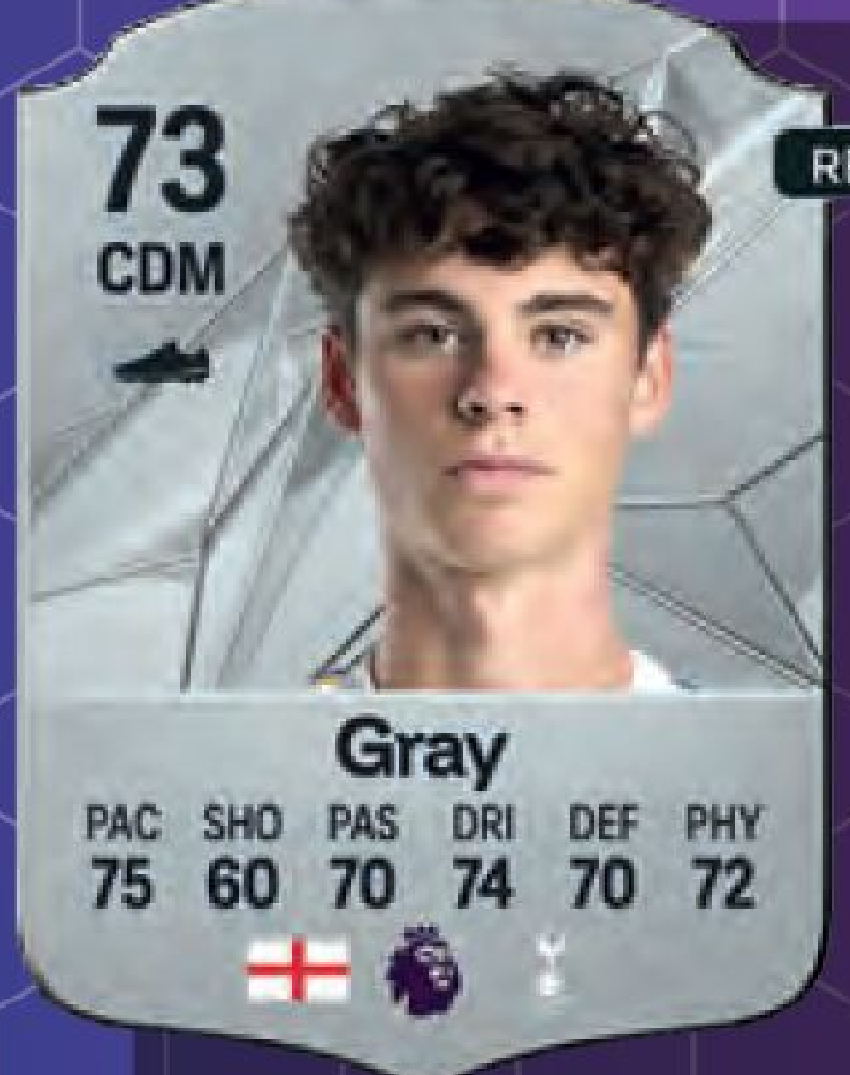
PLAYER: LUCAS BERGVALL

CLUB: TOTTENHAM
CURRENT RATING: 68
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

■ Swedish wonderkid **Bergvall** has settled in well to life at Tottenham. He's very comfortable on the ball and Spurs fans will be glad he rejected a move to Barcelona to sign for them.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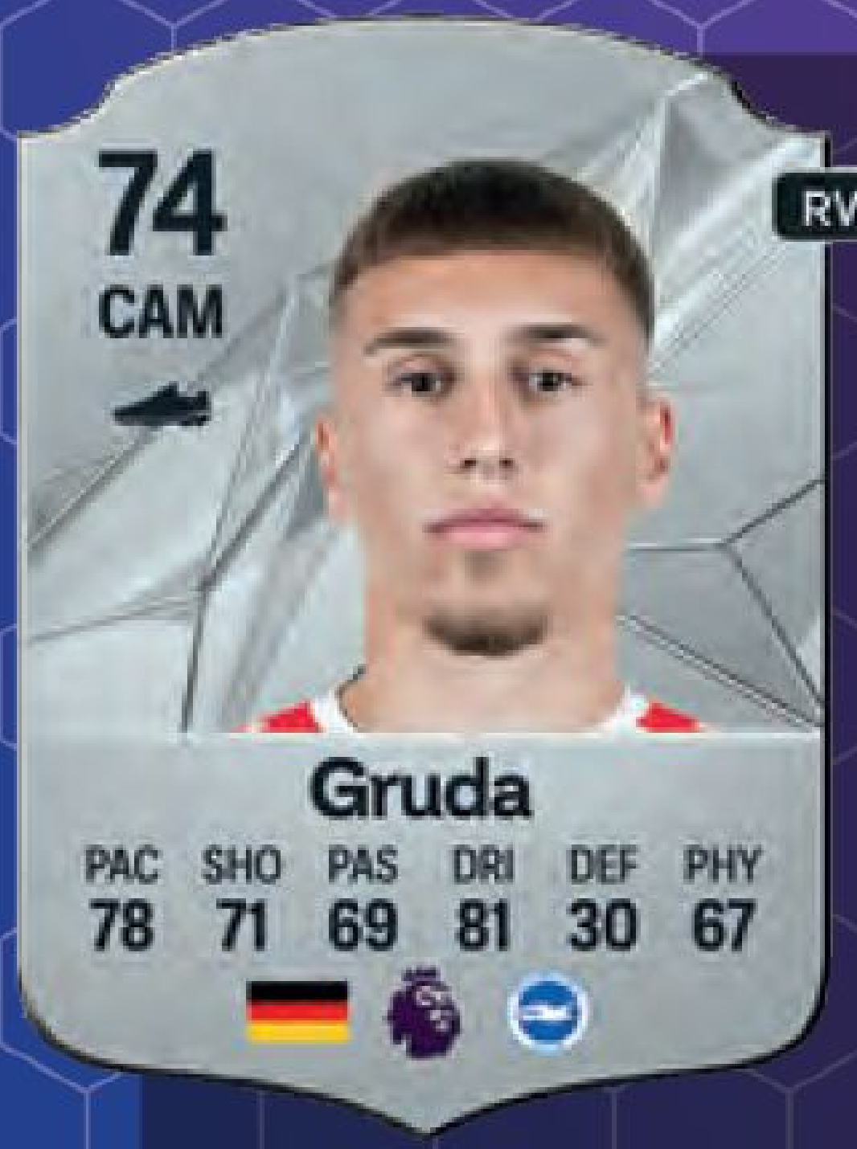
PLAYER: ARCHIE GRAY

CLUB: TOTTENHAM
CURRENT RATING: 73
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

■ Signed for £35 million from Leeds United, **Gray** is the 6th most expensive teenager in Premier League history. He has already impressed fans with his versatility across midfield and defence.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Gruda
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78 71 69 81 30 67

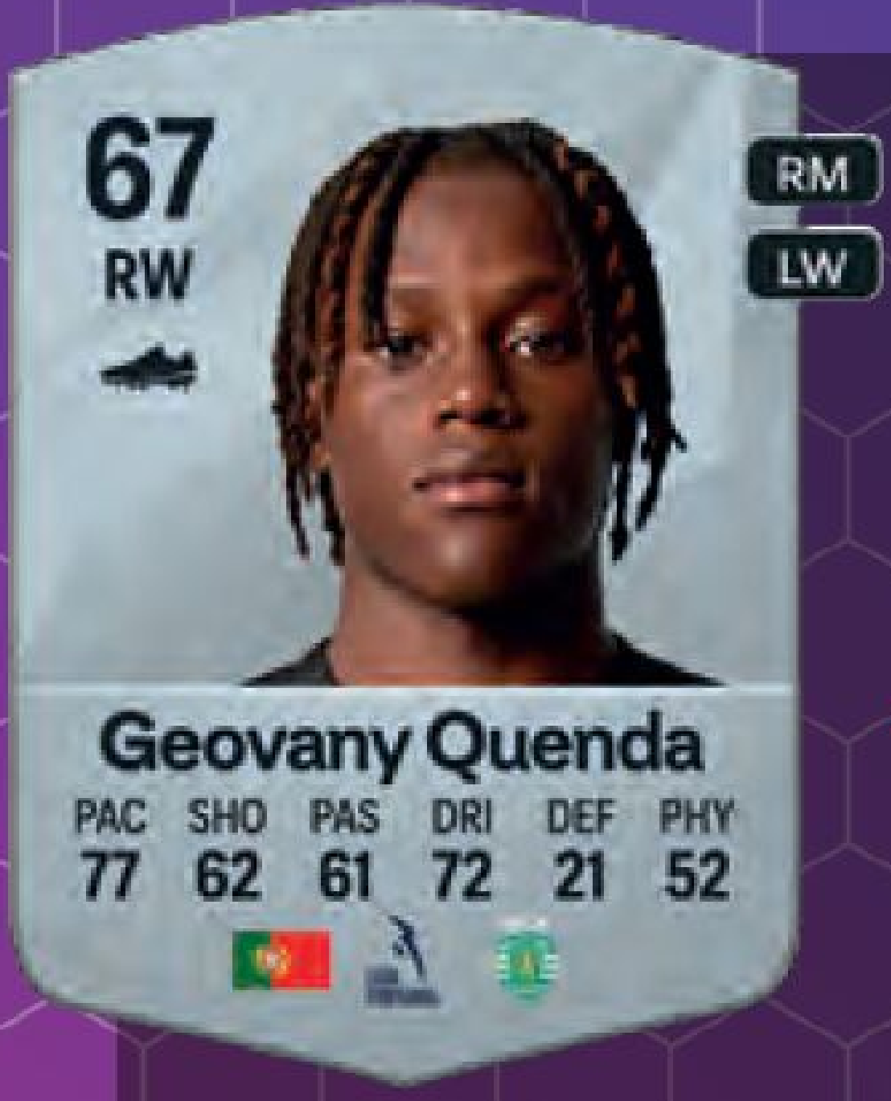
PLAYER: BRAJAN GRUDA

CLUB: BRIGHTON
CURRENT RATING: 74
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

■ Brighton have an impressive track record in signing talented young players and **Gruda** could be the next one to impress. He has strong dribbling skills and can be effective playing on either side.

DID YOU KNOW?

When winger **Jadon Sancho** made his England debut in a game against Croatia in October 2018, he was the first player born in the 21st century to represent the country.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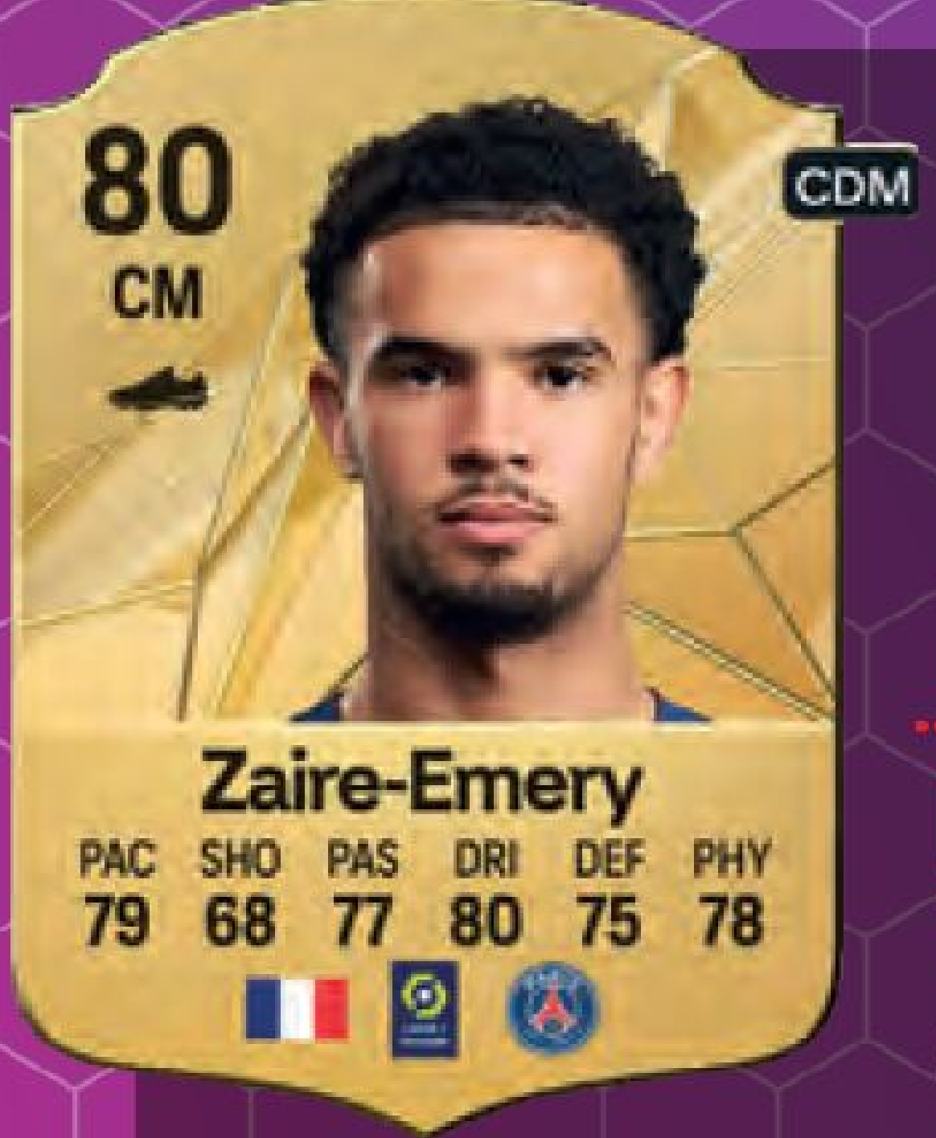
PLAYER: GEOVANY QUENDA

CLUB: SPORTING
CURRENT RATING: 67
POTENTIAL RATING: 88

Quenda was playing Under-23 team football at Sporting aged only 16 and then made his full first-team debut at 17 under then coach **Ruben Amorim**. His high potential rating shows what he can become!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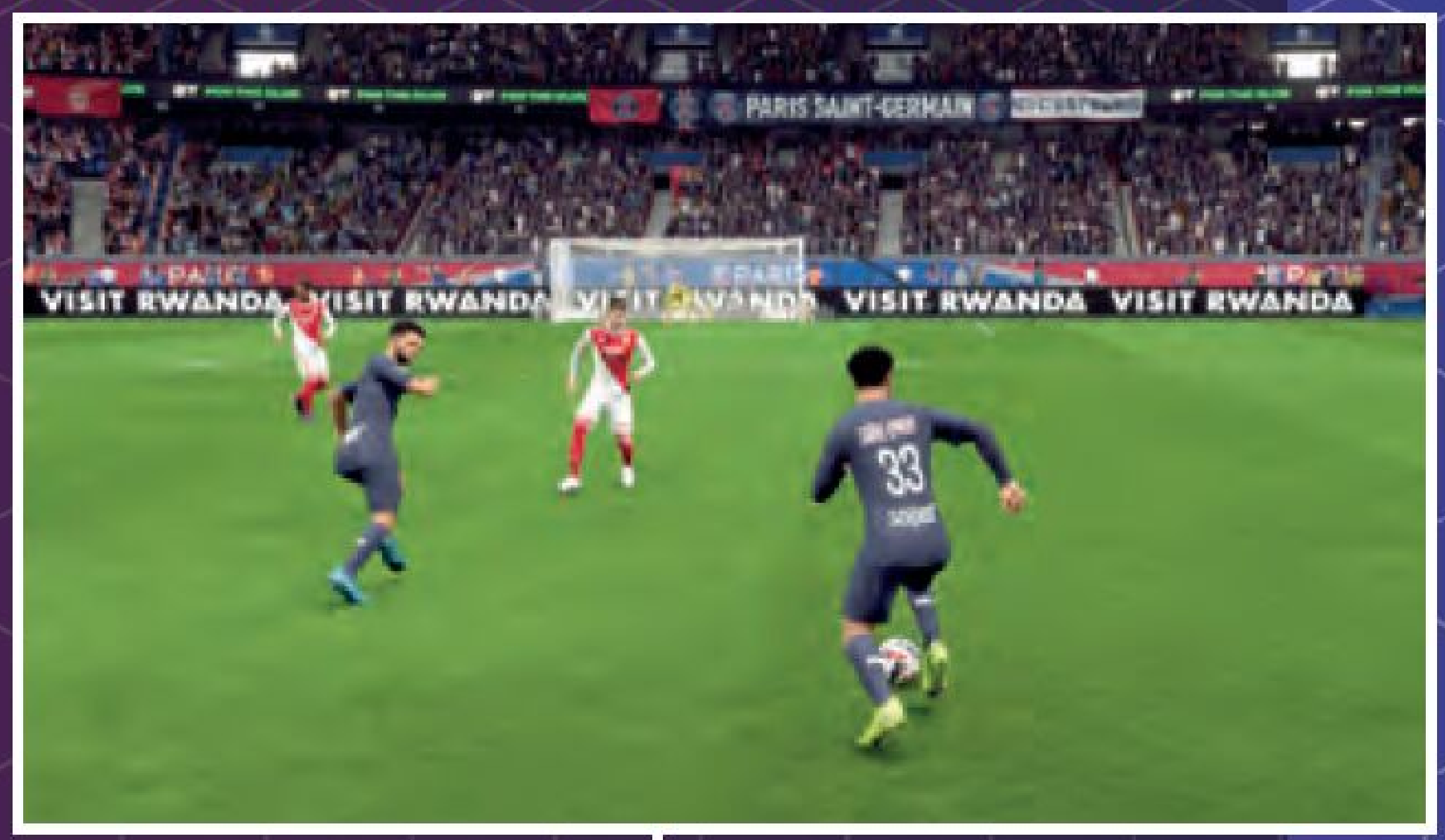
PLAYER: WARREN ZAÏRE-EMERY

CLUB: PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN
CURRENT RATING: 80
POTENTIAL RATING: 90



Emery is already a regular at Paris Saint-Germain thanks to his impressive all-round game. He can pass and shoot, get up and down the pitch easily and is no slouch defensively.

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If it's goals you want, then look no further than these young hot-shots!

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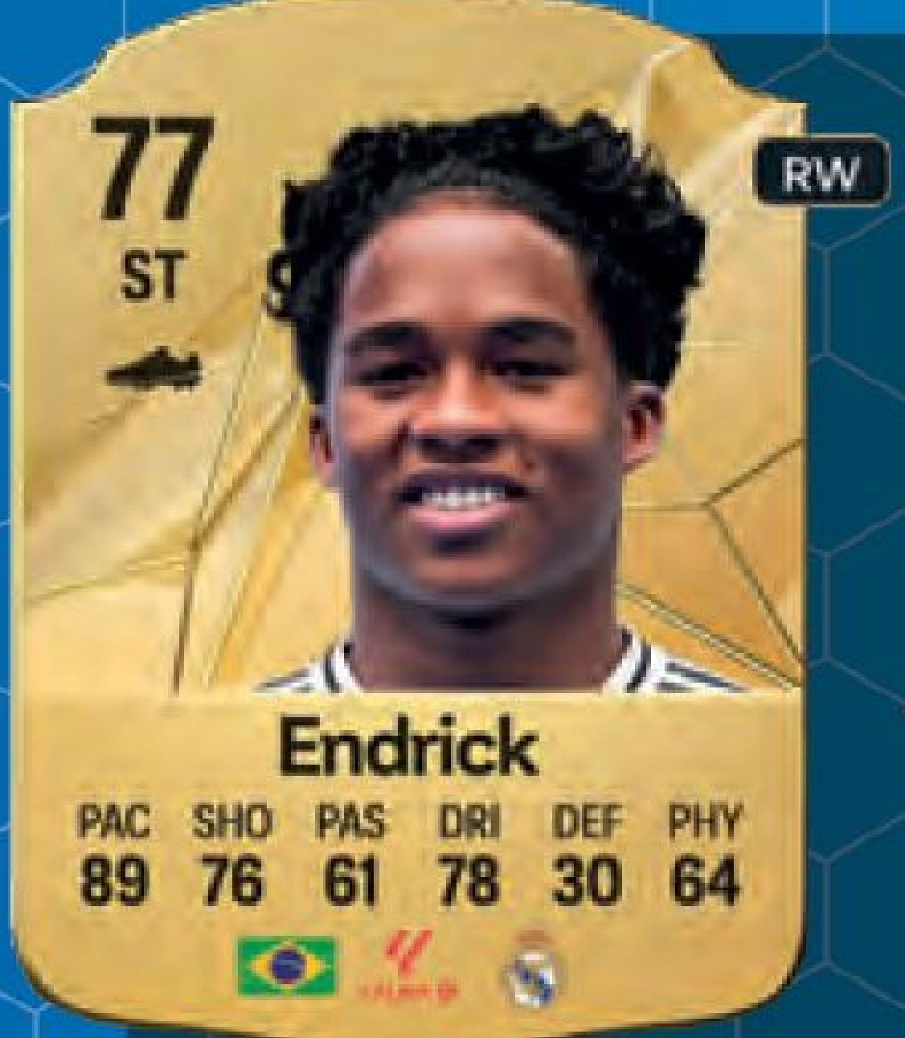
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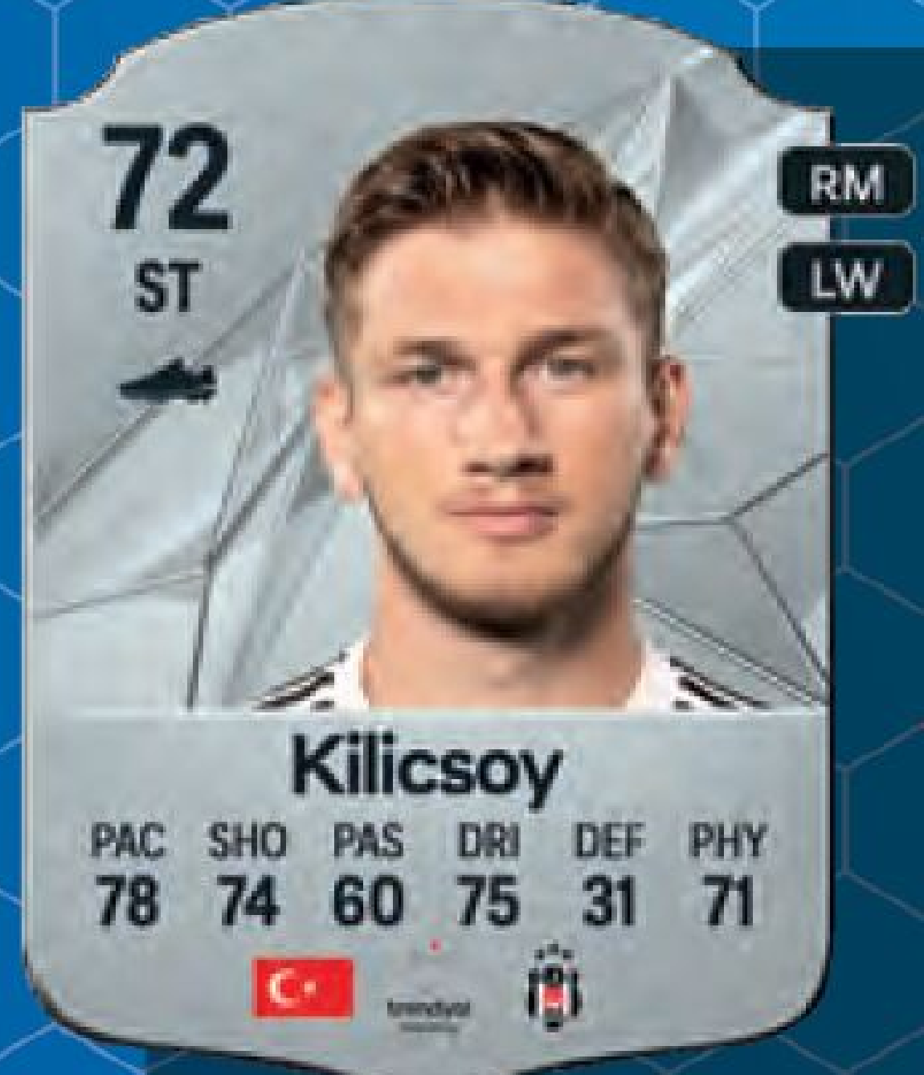
PLAYER: ENDRICK

CLUB: REAL MADRID
CURRENT RATING: 77
POTENTIAL RATING: 91

Endrick signed a six-year deal at Real Madrid in July 2024 and is hotly tipped as their next big superstar. He's the best young striker by a distance in **EA SPORTS FC 25** and is one everyone will want in their team.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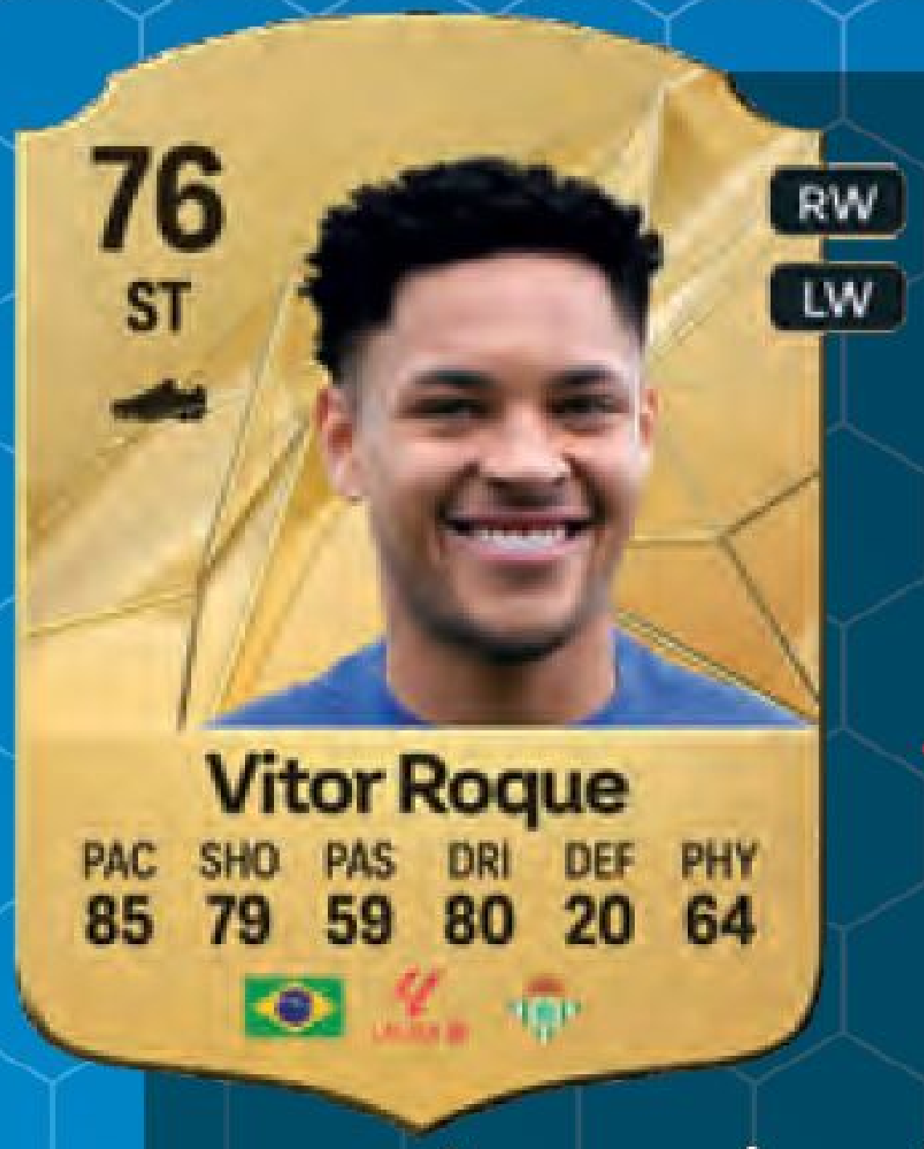
PLAYER: SEMIH KILIÇSOY

CLUB: BEŞIKTAŞ
CURRENT RATING: 72
POTENTIAL RATING: 88

With a high potential rating only three less than **Endrick**, this Turkish youngster offers a potentially cheaper alternative. With decent finishing ability and flexibility to play across the attack, he is one to watch.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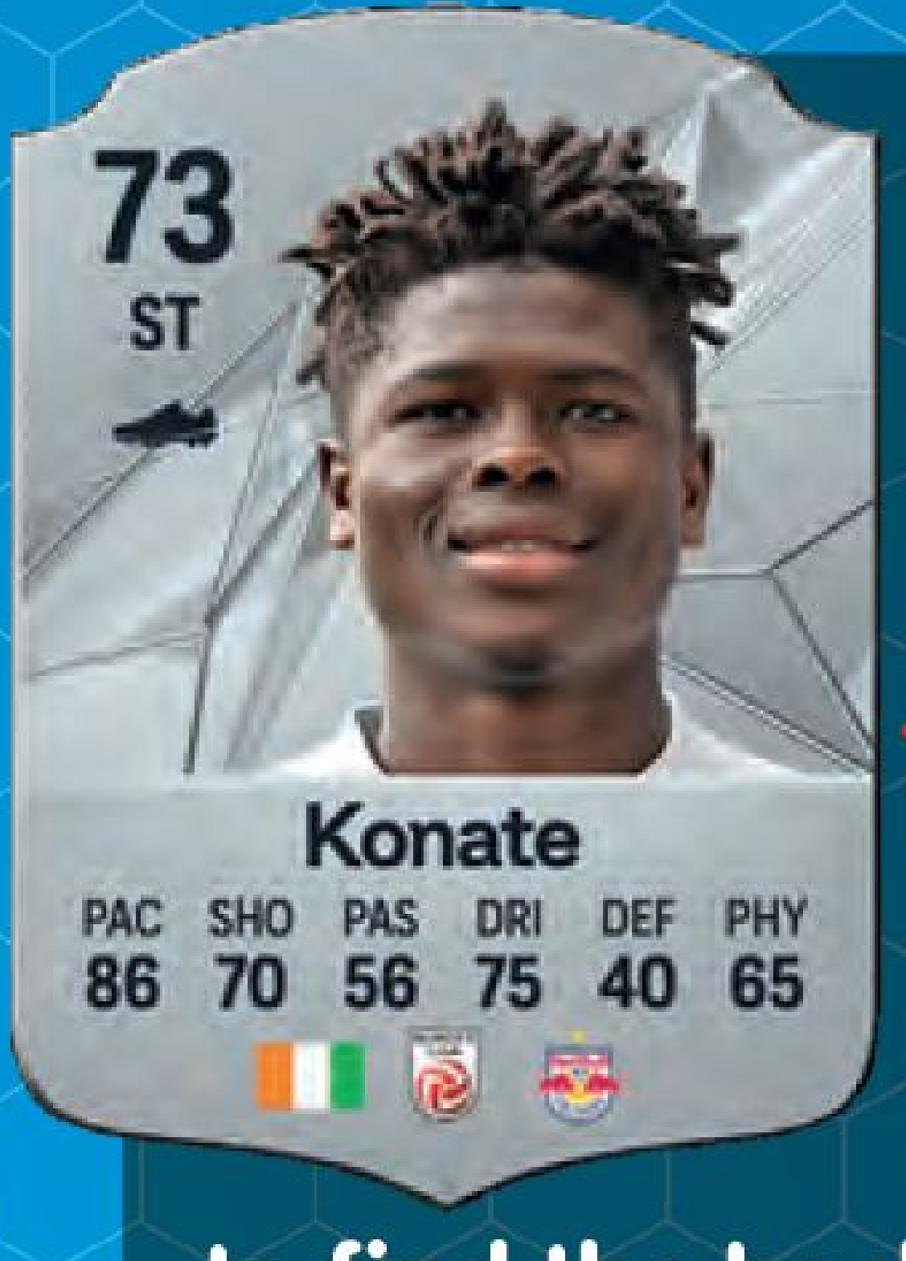
DRI 80
DEF 20
PHY 64

PLAYER: VITOR ROQUE

CLUB: REAL BETIS
CURRENT RATING: 76
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

Roque signed for Barcelona in 2003 and was loaned out to Real Betis a season later. While his preferred role is striker, his pace and dribbling skills means he can also excel as a second striker or winger.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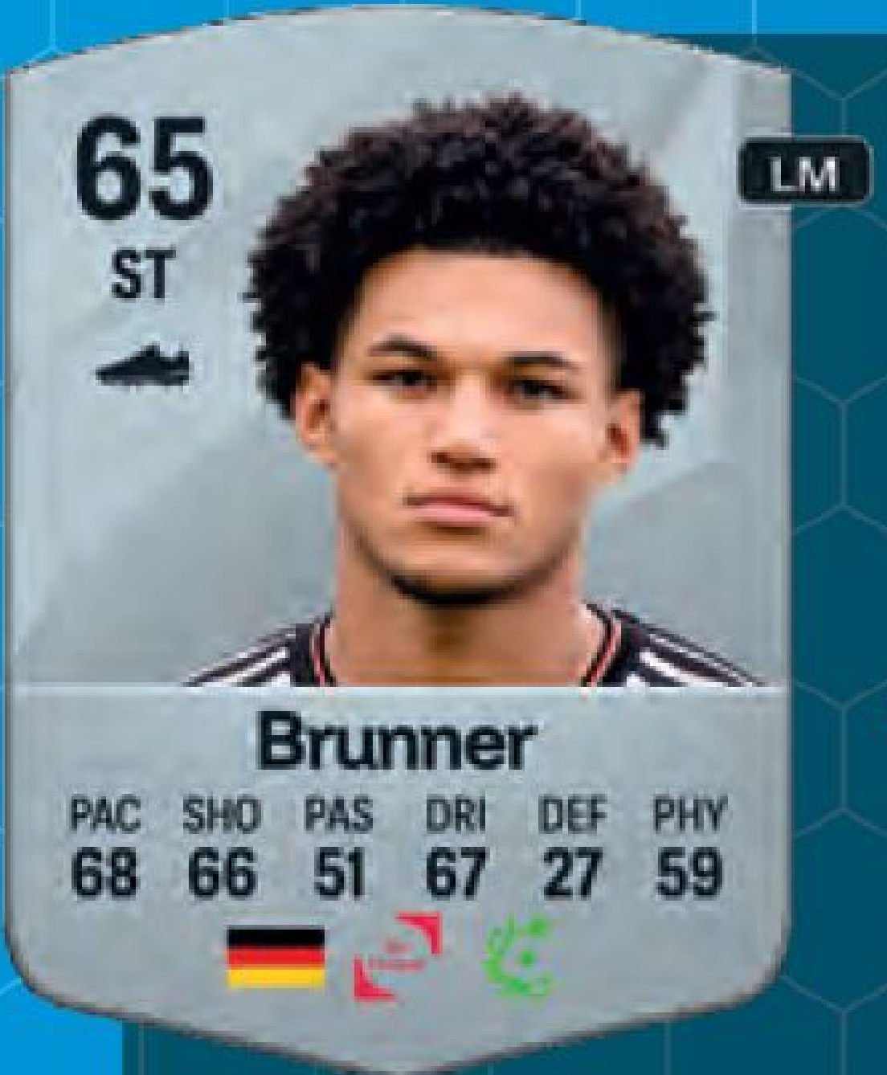
PLAYER: KARIM KONATÉ

CLUB: RB SALZBURG
CURRENT RATING: 73
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

Konaté has pace to burn and knows how to find the back of the net with ease. He has room for improvement with his technique but has time on his side to develop.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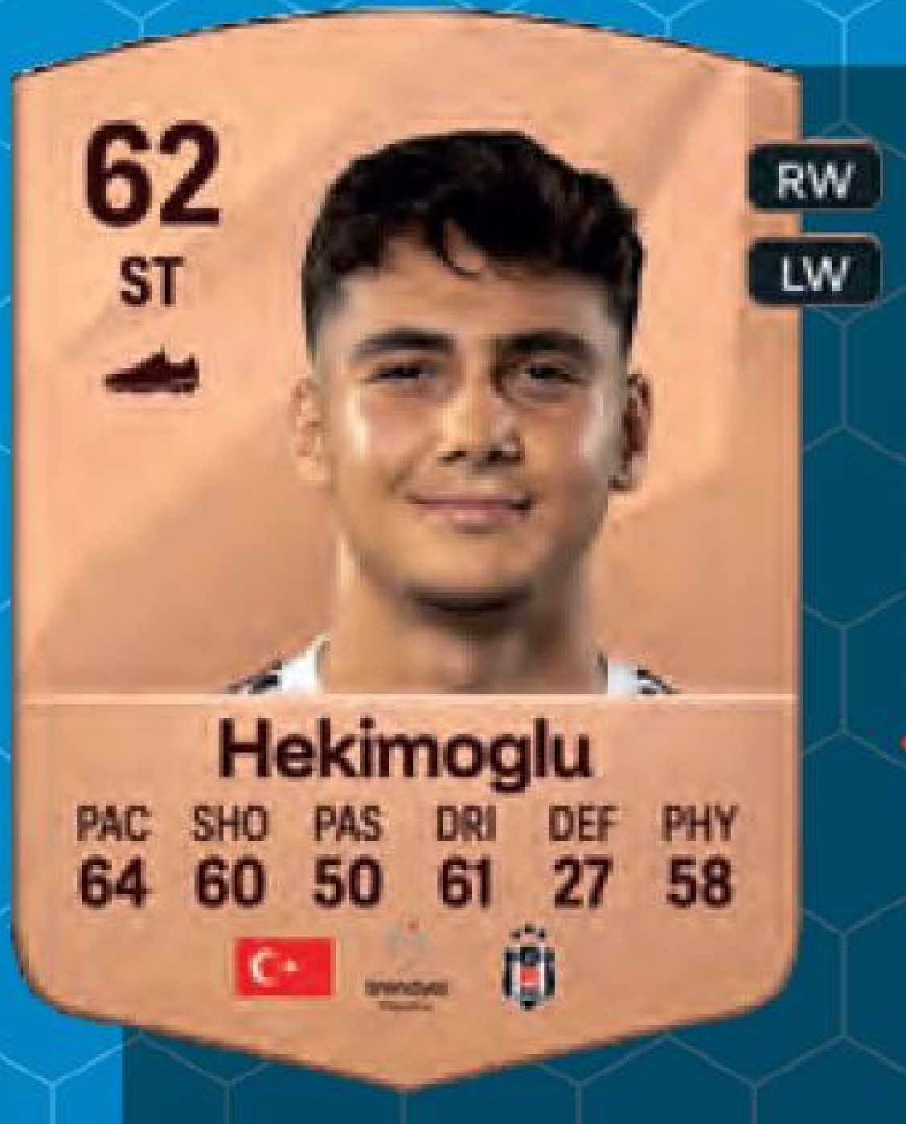
PHY 59

PLAYER: PARIS BRUNNER

CLUB: CERCLE BRUGGE
CURRENT RATING: 65
POTENTIAL RATING: 87

Brunner left Dortmund to sign for Monaco before being loaned out to play in the Belgian Pro League. He first arrived on the radar of big clubs after scoring 16 goals in only five Under-17 Bundesliga appearances!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PLAYER: MUSTAFA ERHAN HEKIMOĞLU

CLUB: BEŞIKTAŞ
CURRENT RATING: 62
POTENTIAL RATING: 86

Hekimoğlu is another promising young talent from Turkey with an impressive goal-scoring record at youth level. With plenty of room for improvement, he's worth trying to sign early.

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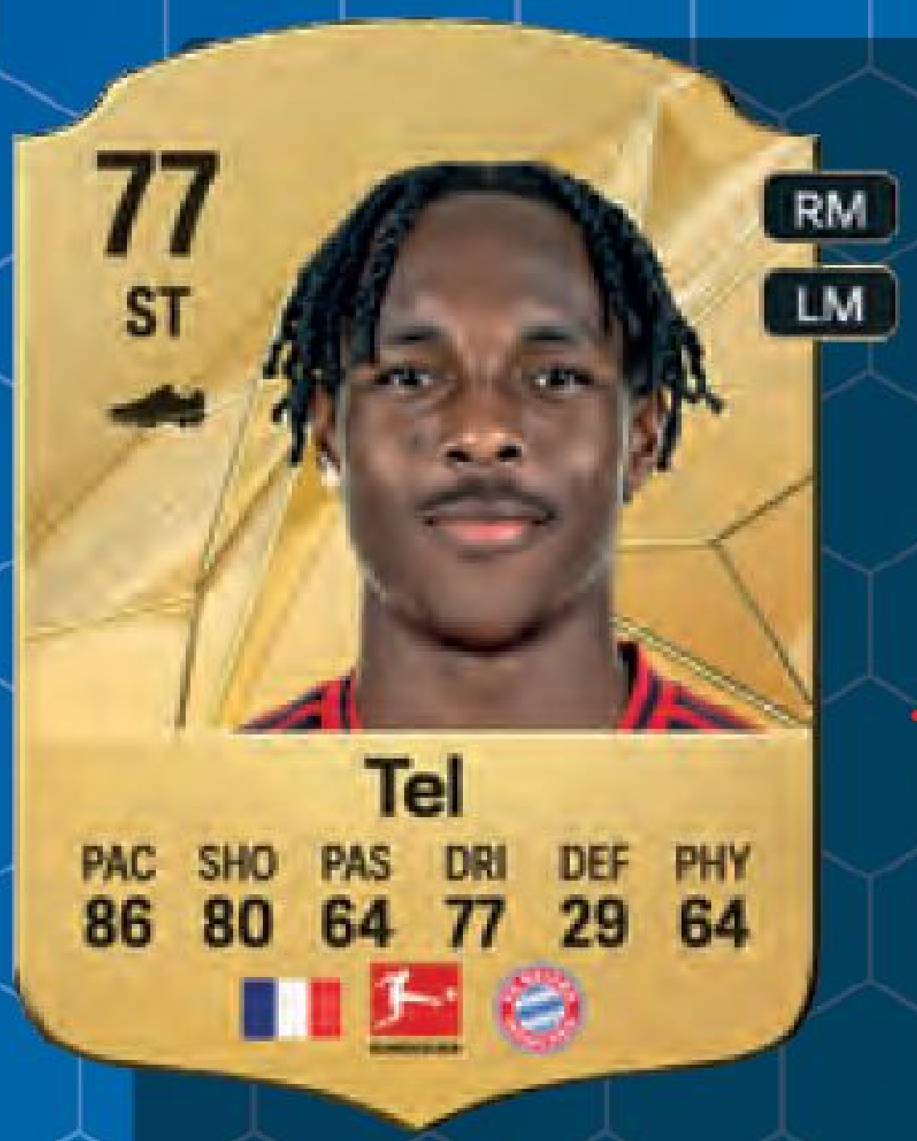
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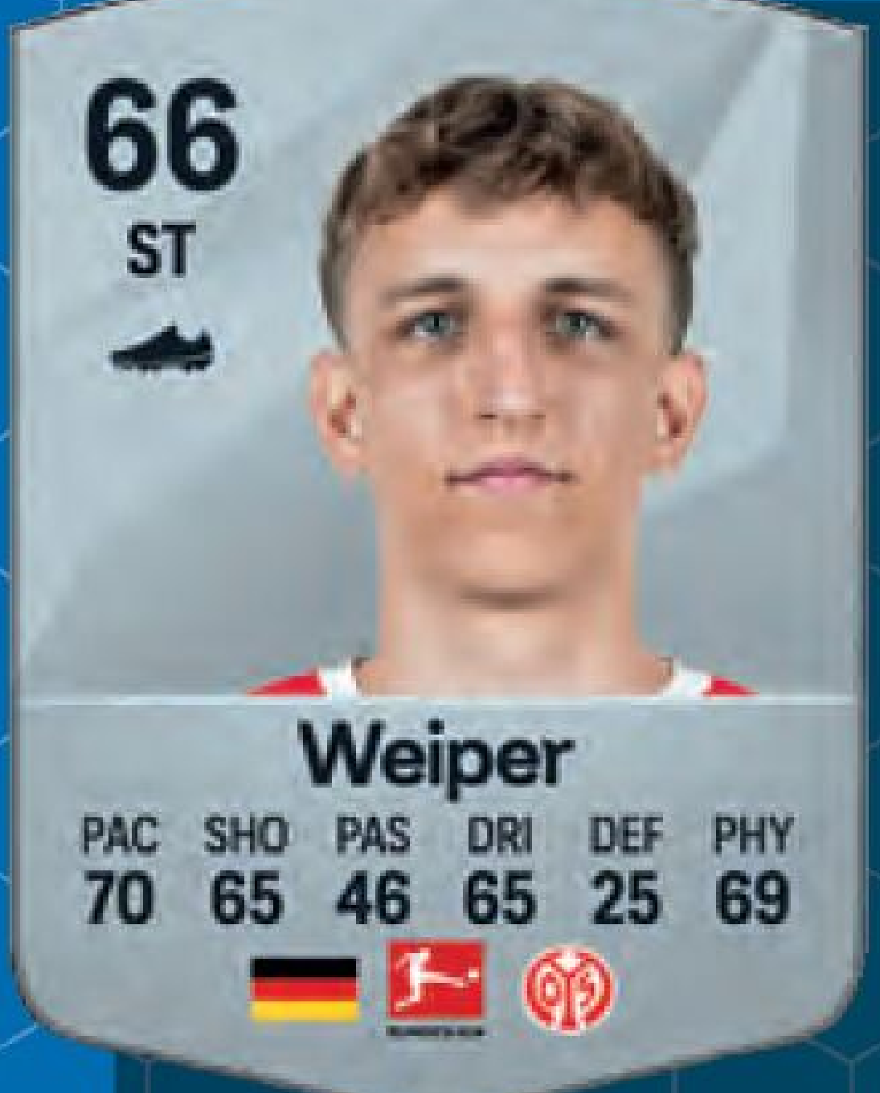
PLAYER: MATHYS TEL

CLUB: BAYERN MUNICH
CURRENT RATING: 77
POTENTIAL RATING: 88

■ **Tel's** stats are already impressive enough to command a starting role in most clubs' first team. The French youngster has been compared to both **Kylian Mbappé** and **Karim Benzema** and is already well on his way to 100 appearances with Bayern Munich.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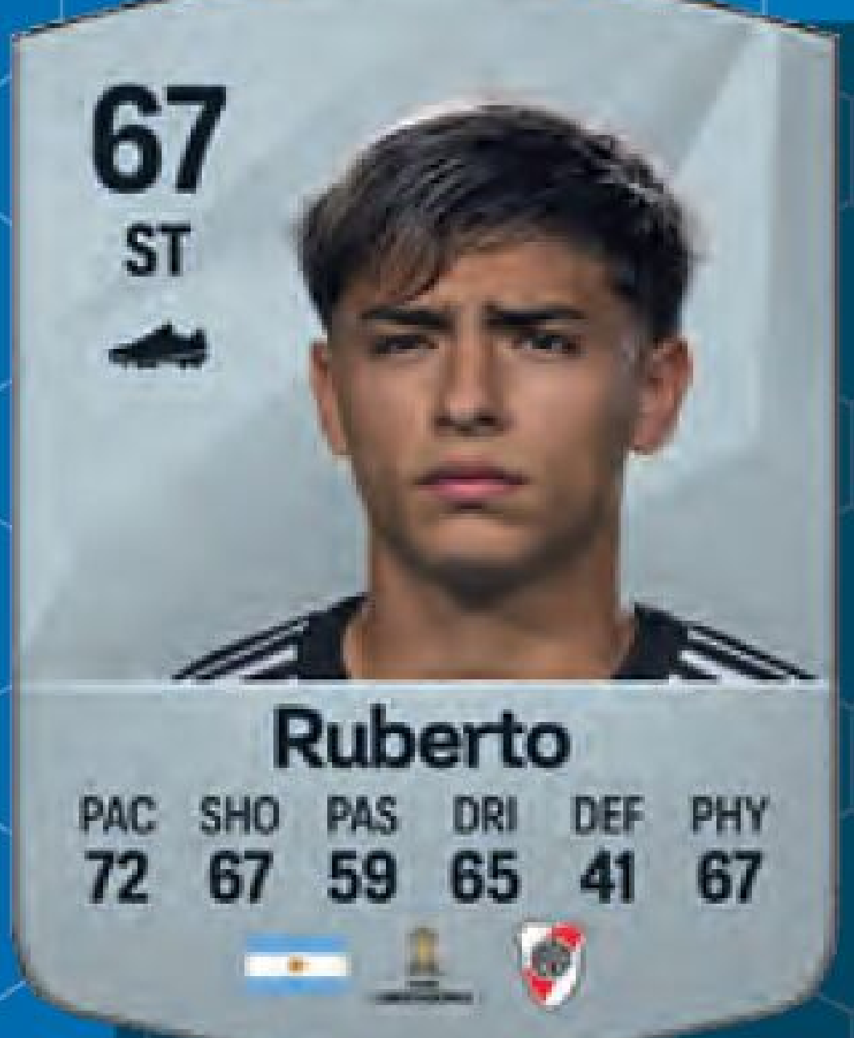
PLAYER: NELSON WEIPER

CLUB: MAINZ
CURRENT RATING: 66
POTENTIAL RATING: 85

FOR THE CLUB

■ Standing at 6'3", **Weiper** is an interesting striking option. Already a regular in the Bundesliga, he is a target man who can play with back-to-goal while also being willing to run in behind.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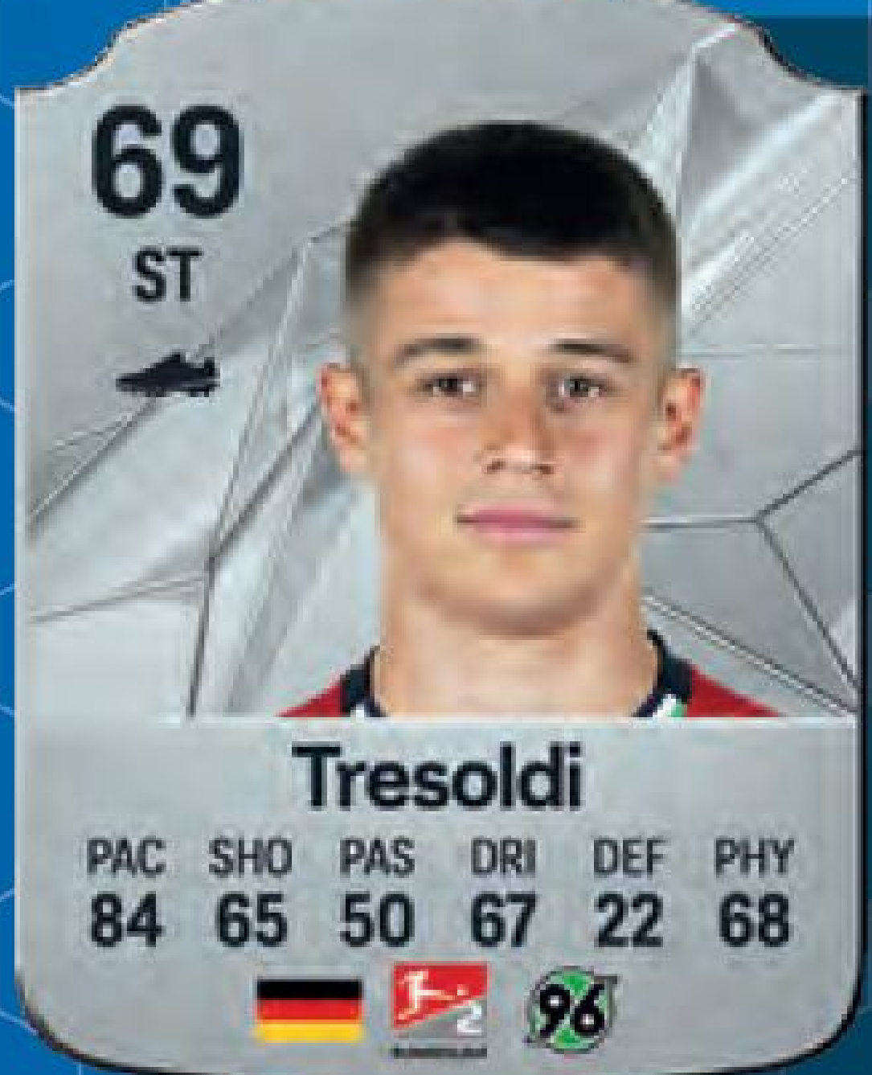
PLAYER: AGUSTÍN RUBERTO

CLUB: RIVER PLATE
CURRENT RATING: 67
POTENTIAL RATING: 83

■ **Ruberto** is another potential young superstar to burst on the scene at River Plate. Top European clubs are already rumoured to be interested so you may have to act fast if you want to snap him up!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PLAYER: NICOLÒ TRESOLDI

CLUB: HANNOVER 96
CURRENT RATING: 69
POTENTIAL RATING: 83

■ Although born in Italy, **Tresoldi** has gone on to make his debut for Germany under-21s. Already a regular for Hannover 96 in Germany, **Tresoldi** is physical with impressive speed.

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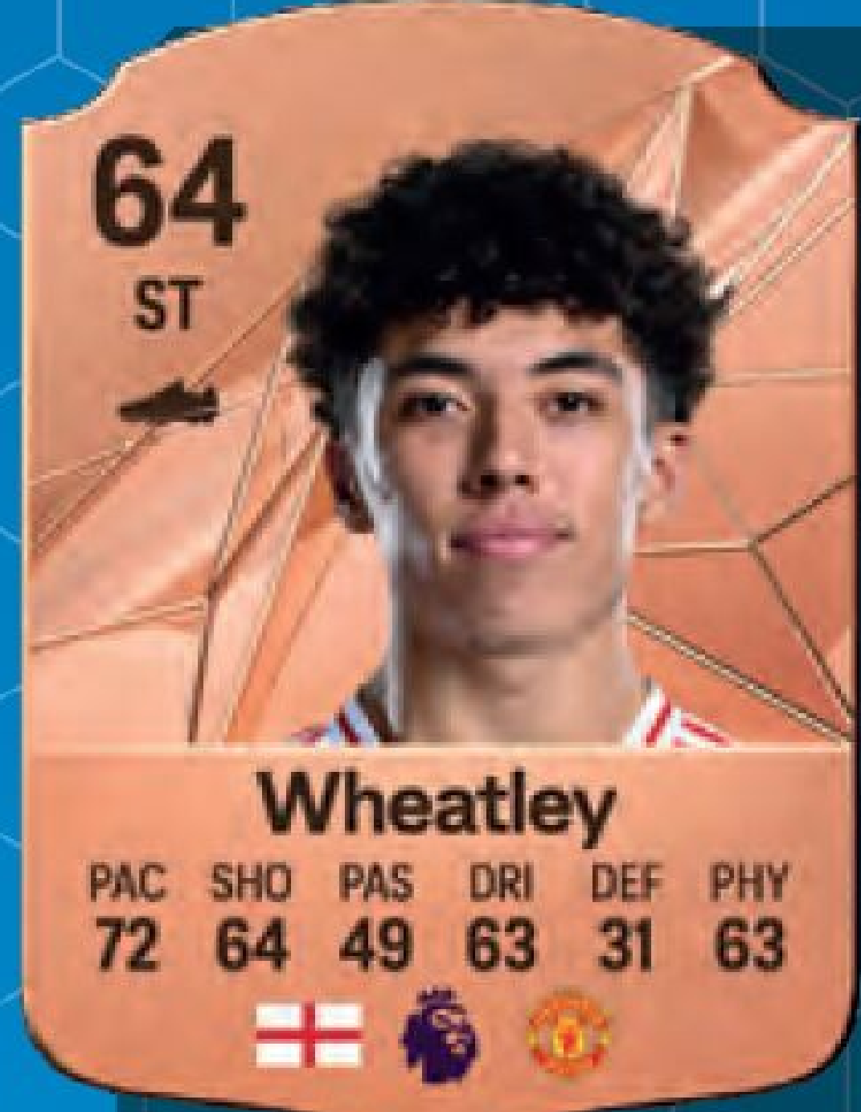
DID YOU KNOW?

When it comes to strikers scoring goals, Pele, the Brazilian soccer legend, is the man to beat given he holds the career record with 1,281 goals in 1,363 games!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PLAYER: ETHAN WHEATLEY

CLUB: MANCHESTER UNITED
CURRENT RATING: 64
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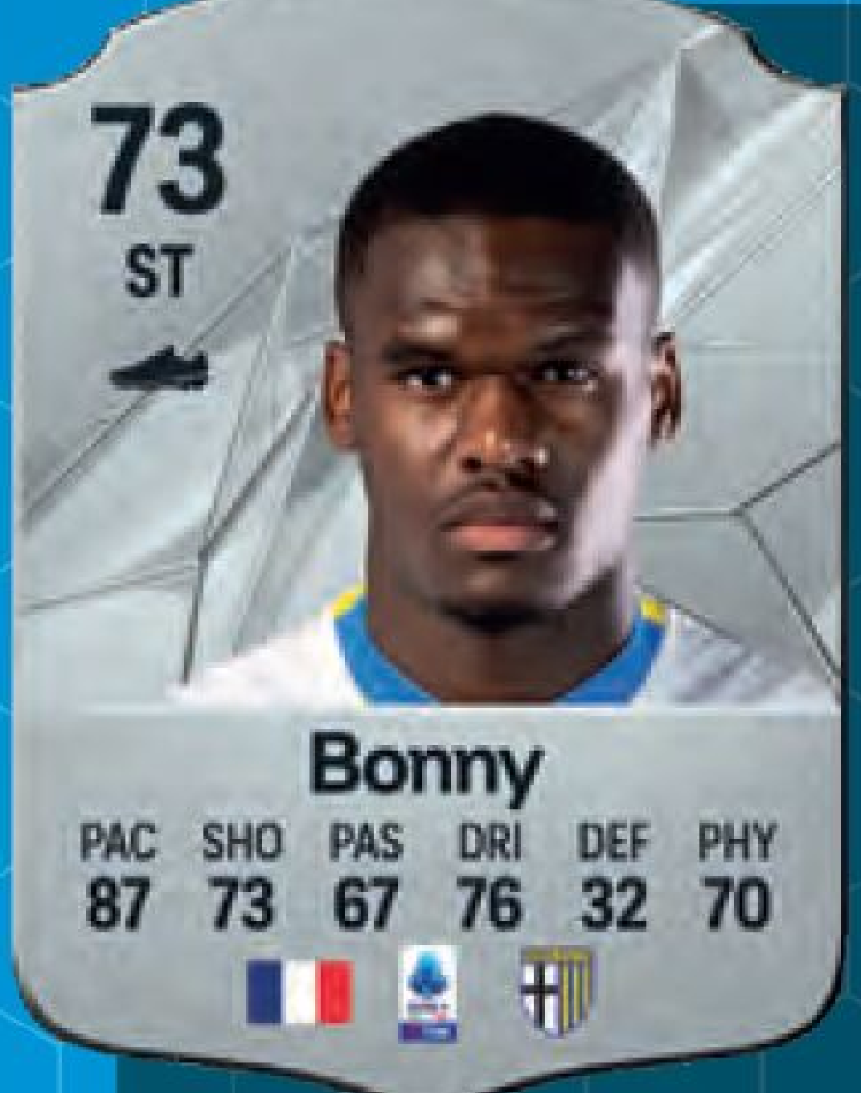
■ **Wheatley** has made his debut for Manchester United's first team and is one of their many promising youngsters currently on the books. He can score all types of goals thanks to his impressive touch and clever movement.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PLAYER: ANGE-YOAN BONNY

CLUB: PARMA
CURRENT RATING: 73
POTENTIAL RATING: 83

■ **Bonny** is playing in Serie A with Parma and is already a regular in their first team. He is right-footed, has a ton of speed and has decent finishing ability.

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IF YOU HAVEN'T FELT LIKE THIS, HAVE YOU EVEN PLAYED FC 25?

8 STAGES OF LOSING AT EA SPORTS FC25

STAGE 1

SCORE: 0 - 0

CONFIDENCE

■ You're the FC 25 master, you've got this match in the bag – GAME ON!

STAGE 2

SCORE: 0 - 1

DETERMINATION

■ One-nil down, that's nothing. You can come back from this. Easy!

STAGE 3

SCORE: 0 - 2

PANIC

■ You're on the edge of your seat, leaning closer to the screen and making all the subs!

STAGE 4

SCORE: 0 - 3

ANGER

■ MUST. NOT. RAGE. QUIT. You've entered the controller danger zone, no-one is safe.

LOSE LIKE A WINNER!

STAGE 5

SCORE: 0 – 4

SADNESS

■ You're not being dramatic, but this is literally the worst thing to have happened to anyone EVER!

STAGE 6

SCORE: 0– 5

EXCUSES

■ It's not your fault. You'd be winning if they weren't cheating. Or the ref wasn't blind. Or the game wasn't glitching.

STAGE 7

SCORE: 1– 5

HOPE

■ YAAAAS! YOU CAN DO THIS. THERE'S STILL TIME. THE COMEBACK IS ON!

STAGE 8

SCORE: 1– 5

ACCEPTANCE

■ It's OK to lose. The better player won and that's cool.

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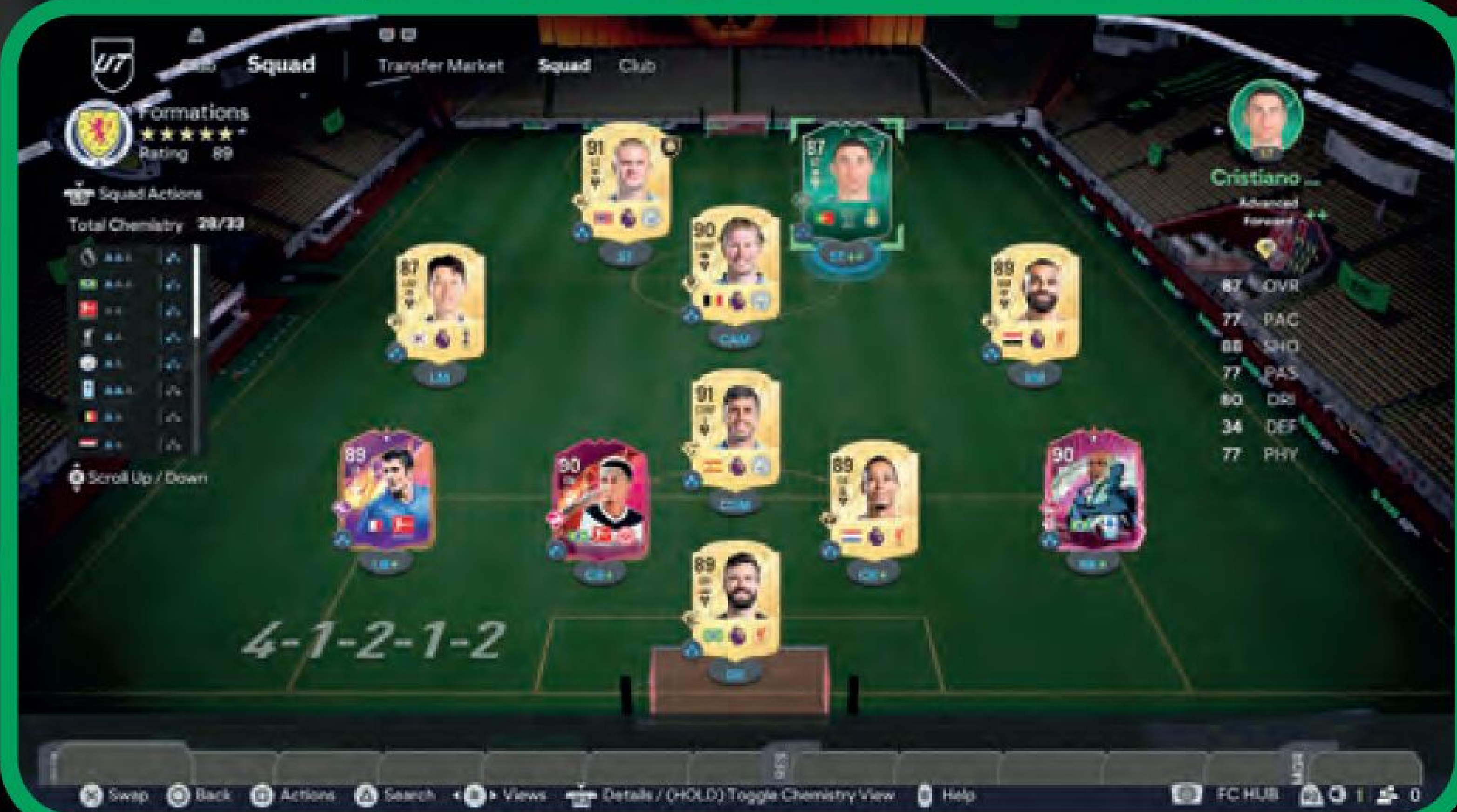
TOP GAMER TIPS

EA SPORTS FC25

■ Not sure what formation to choose? This expert guide will take your tactics to the next level!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ALL-ROUND

4-1-2-1-2

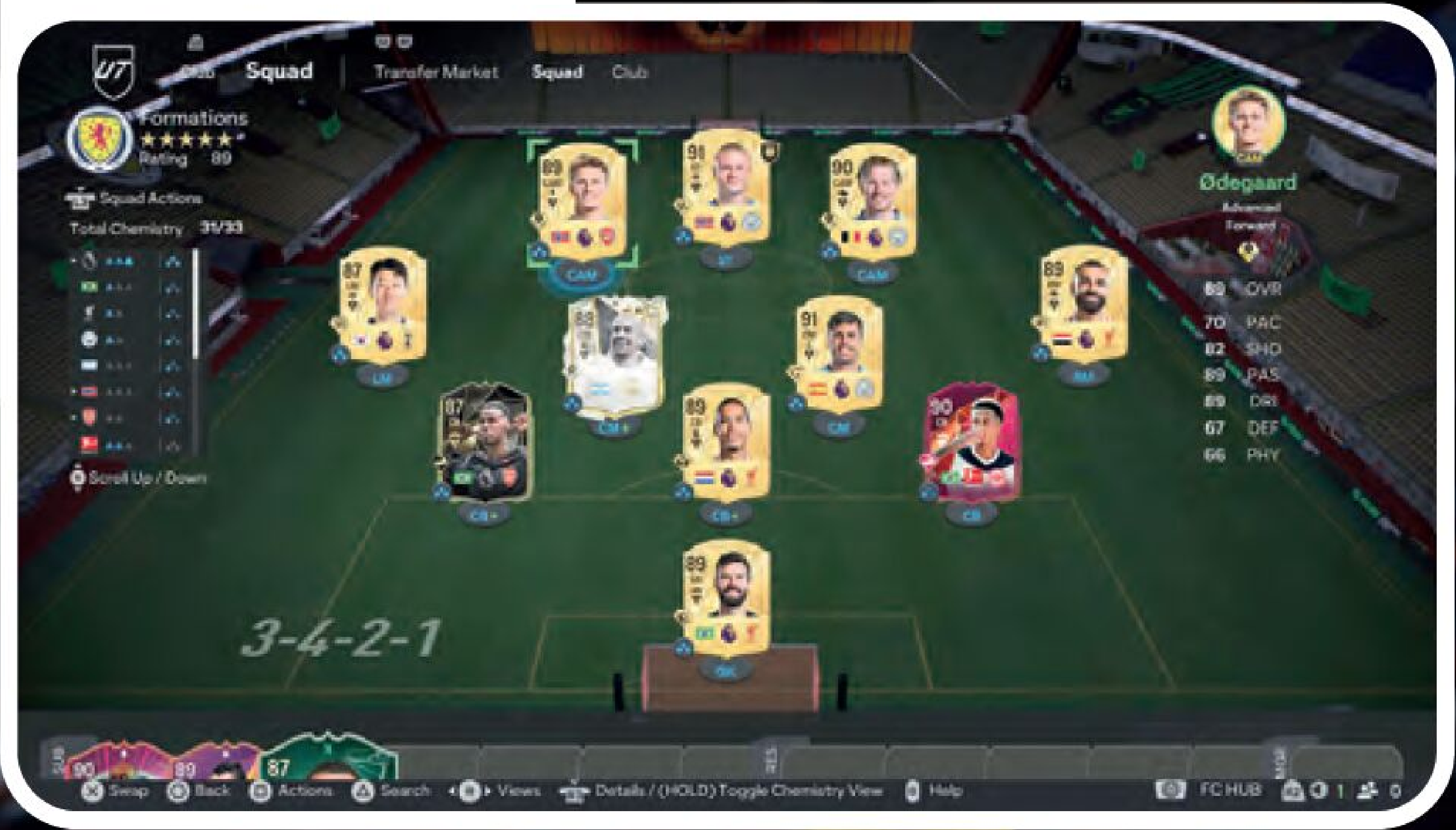
■ If you're not sure what type of player you are, or you just want a solid team on the pitch, the best and most popular formation is this diamond shape!

BEST BEGINNER PICK!

ATTACKING

3-4-2-1

■ For the team that loves all out attack. This team is a bit risky at the back, but it makes up for it with its aggressive play!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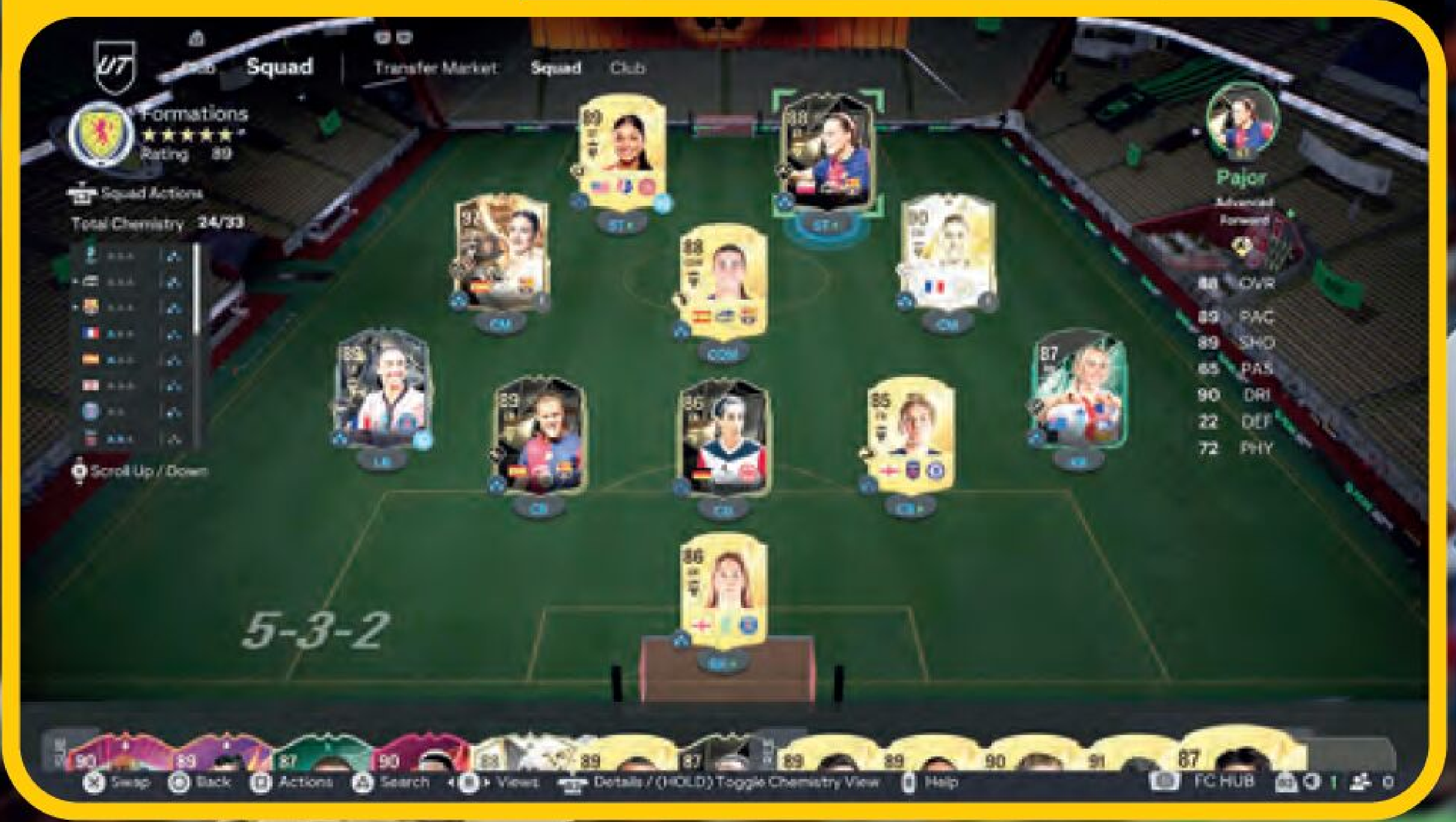
DEFENSIVE

5-3-2

■ If you're being picked apart by pacey strikers, the 5-3-2 formation will give you great coverage. Overwhelm your rivals with defence.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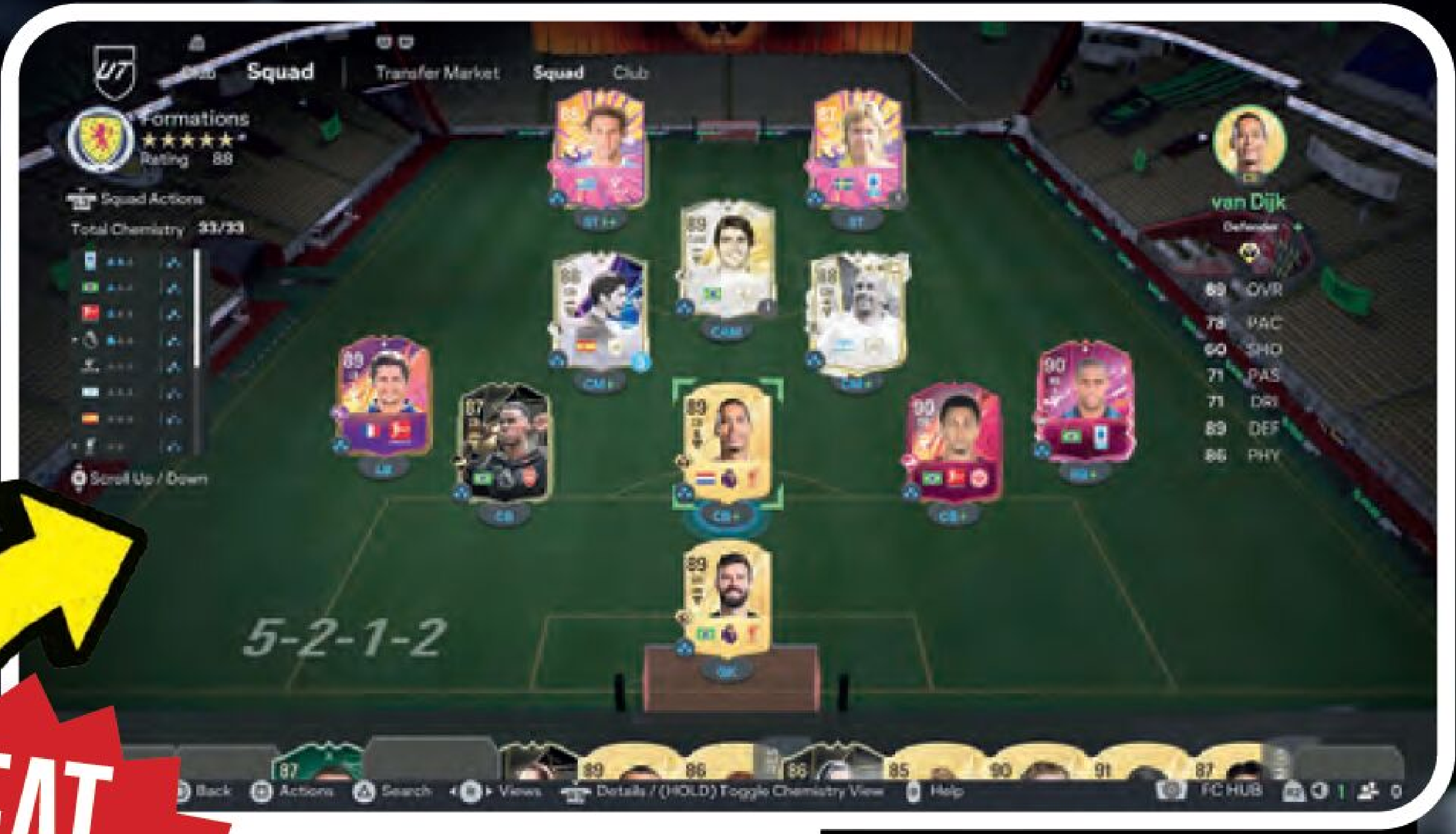
C'MON SON, SLOW DOWN PLEASE!

GREAT FOR FC 25 NOOBS!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71 DRI
89 DEF
86 PHY
5-2-1-2

COUNTER ATTACK

5-2-1-2

■ This formation is solid at the back, making it hard for your opponents to score. And is ideal for a quick break up the pitch!

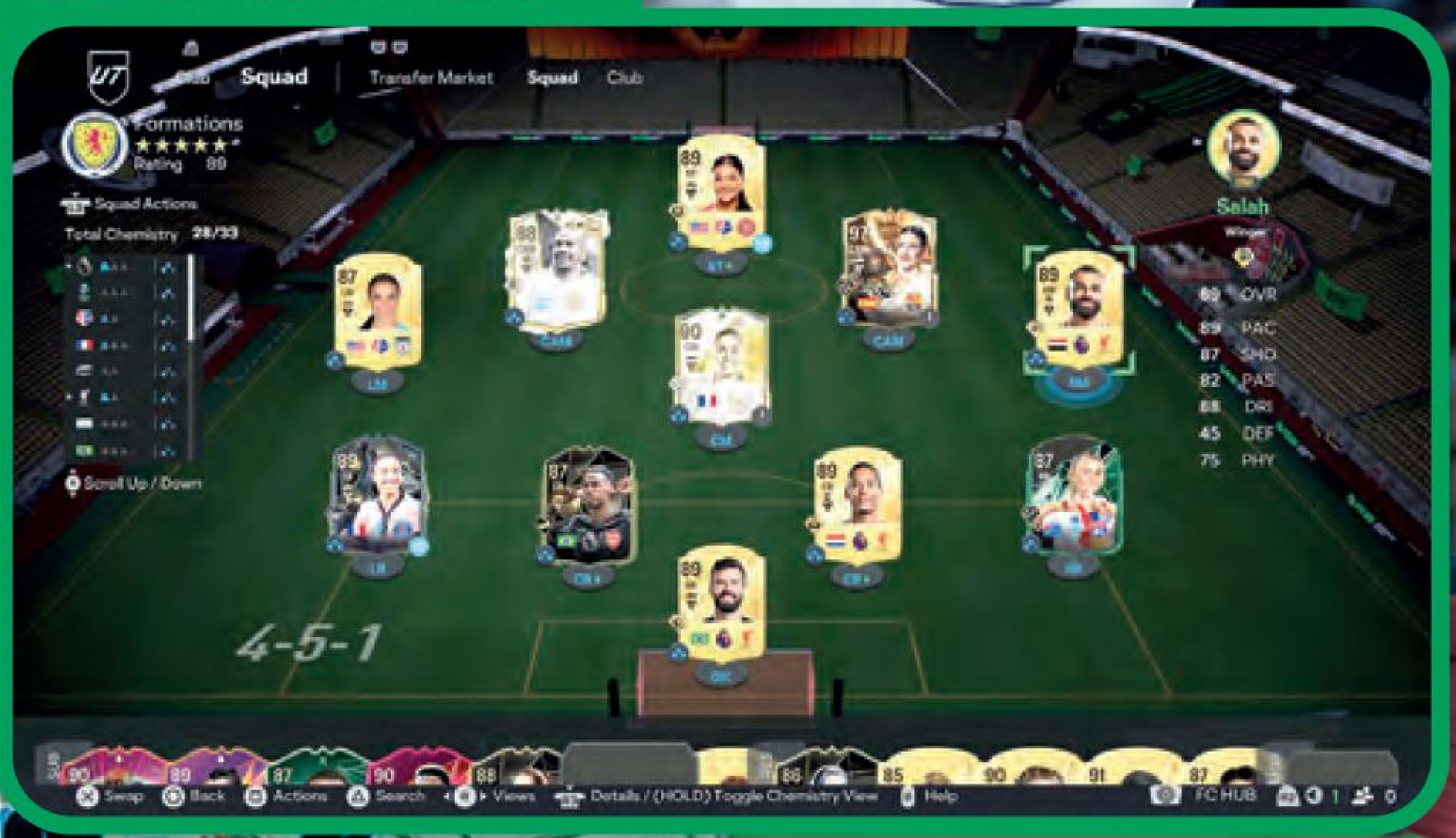
PERFECT FOR TALL STRIKERS!

POSSESSION IS A KNOCKOUT!

POSSESSION

4-5-1

■ Love keeping the ball? This formation is perfect for players who love to pass it around until the other team makes a mistake!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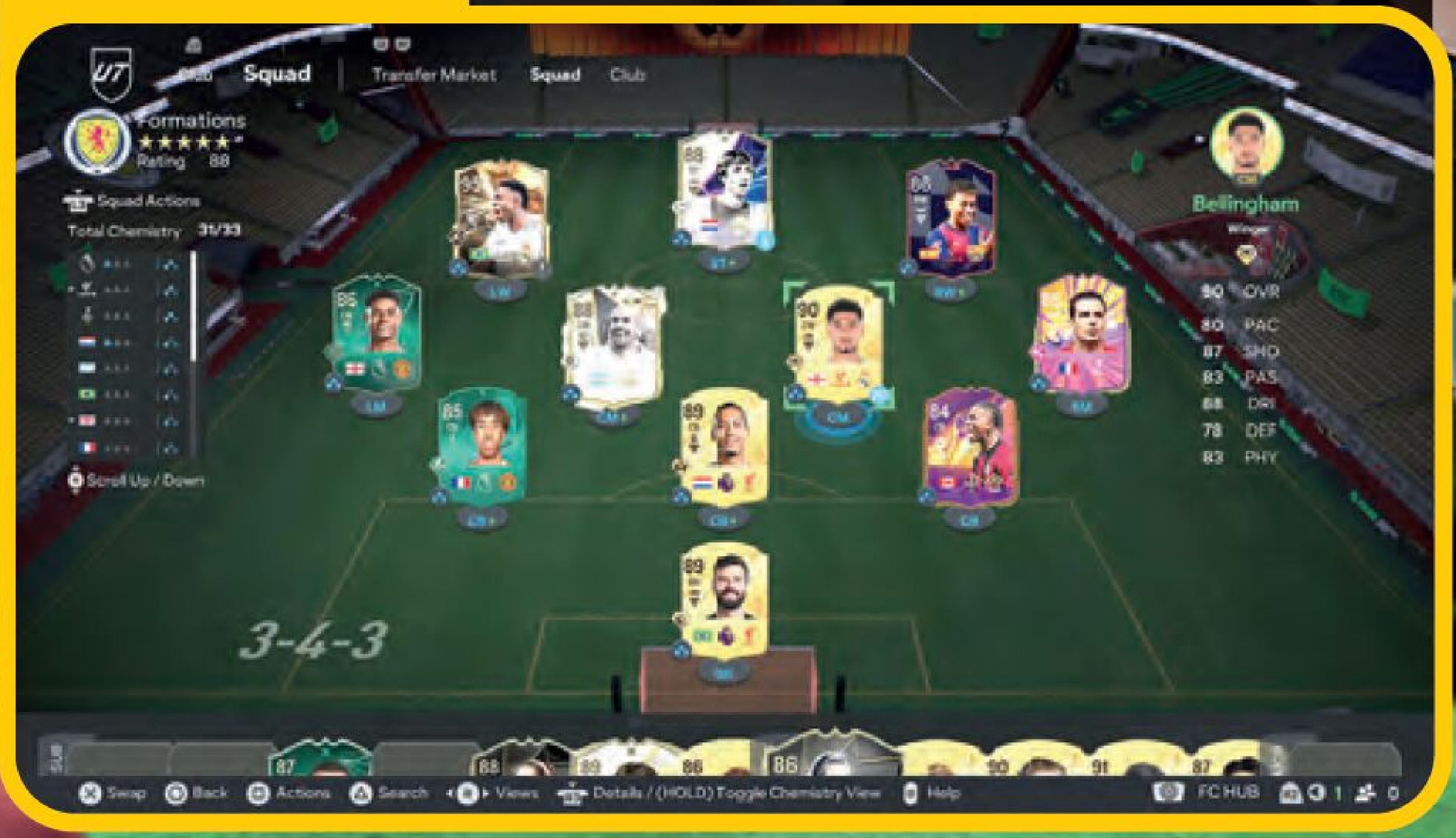
88 DRI
45 DEF
75 PHY
4-5-1

CROSSING

3-4-3

■ Whipping in dangerous balls and heading home a winner is always a satisfying way to score. Defending against a skilled crossing team is tough!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3-4-3

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LETS CELEBRATE

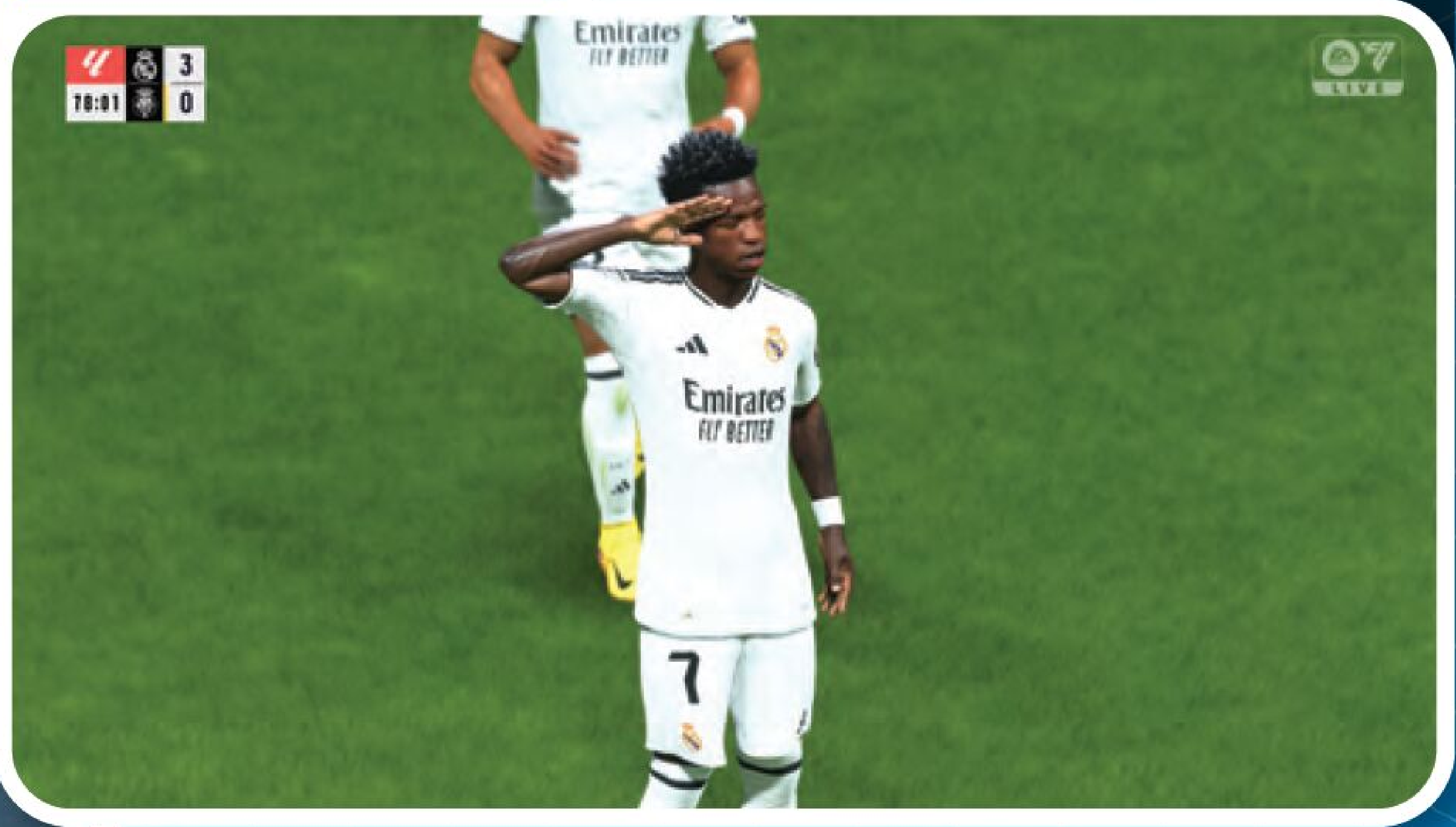
Okay, so you've hit the back of the net but how will you celebrate? Check out these options!

COLD

Hold L2/LT + R/RS Spin right to left

THE SALUTE

■ Hold R1/RB + Triangle/Y



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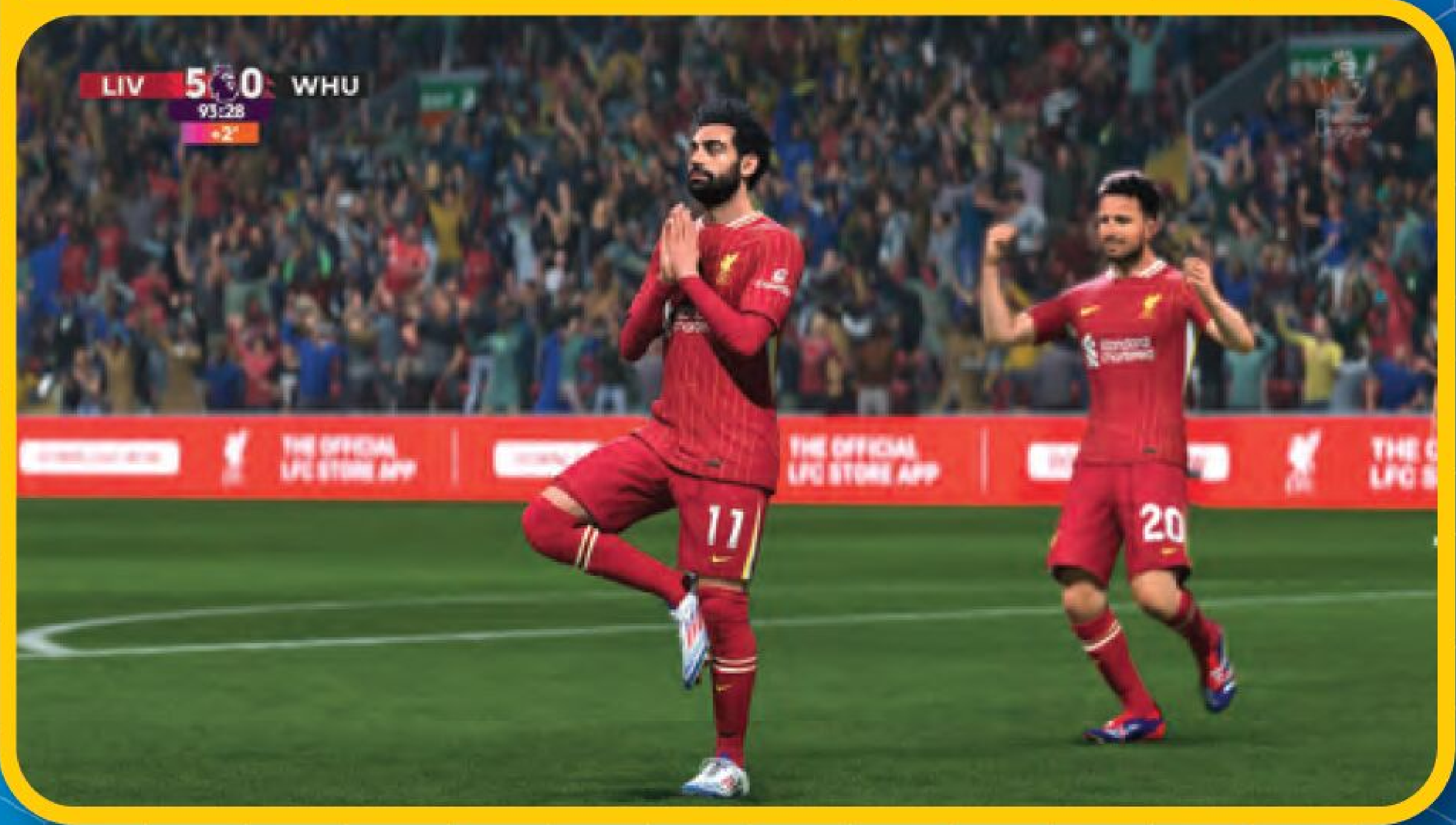
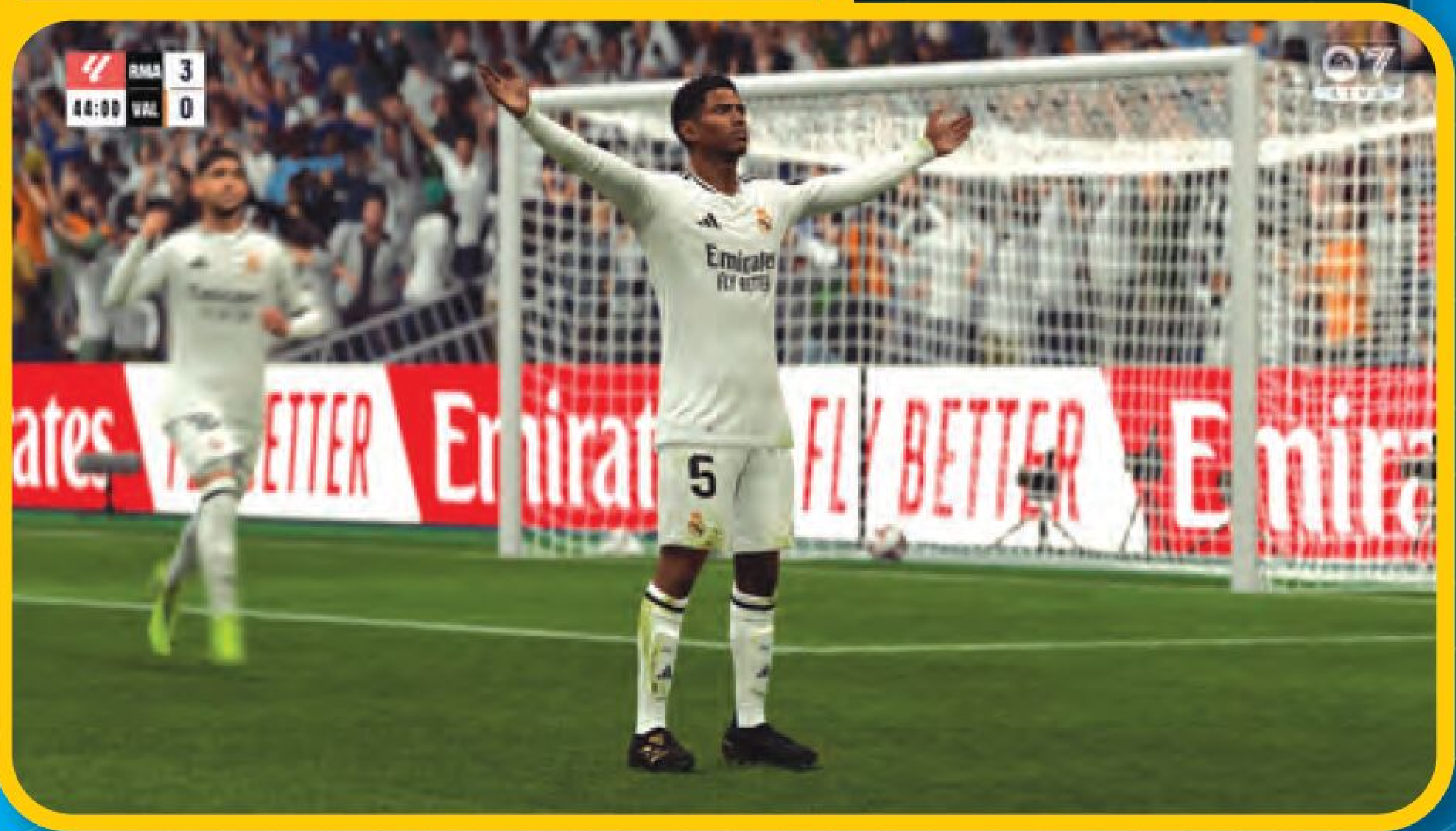
■ Press X/A



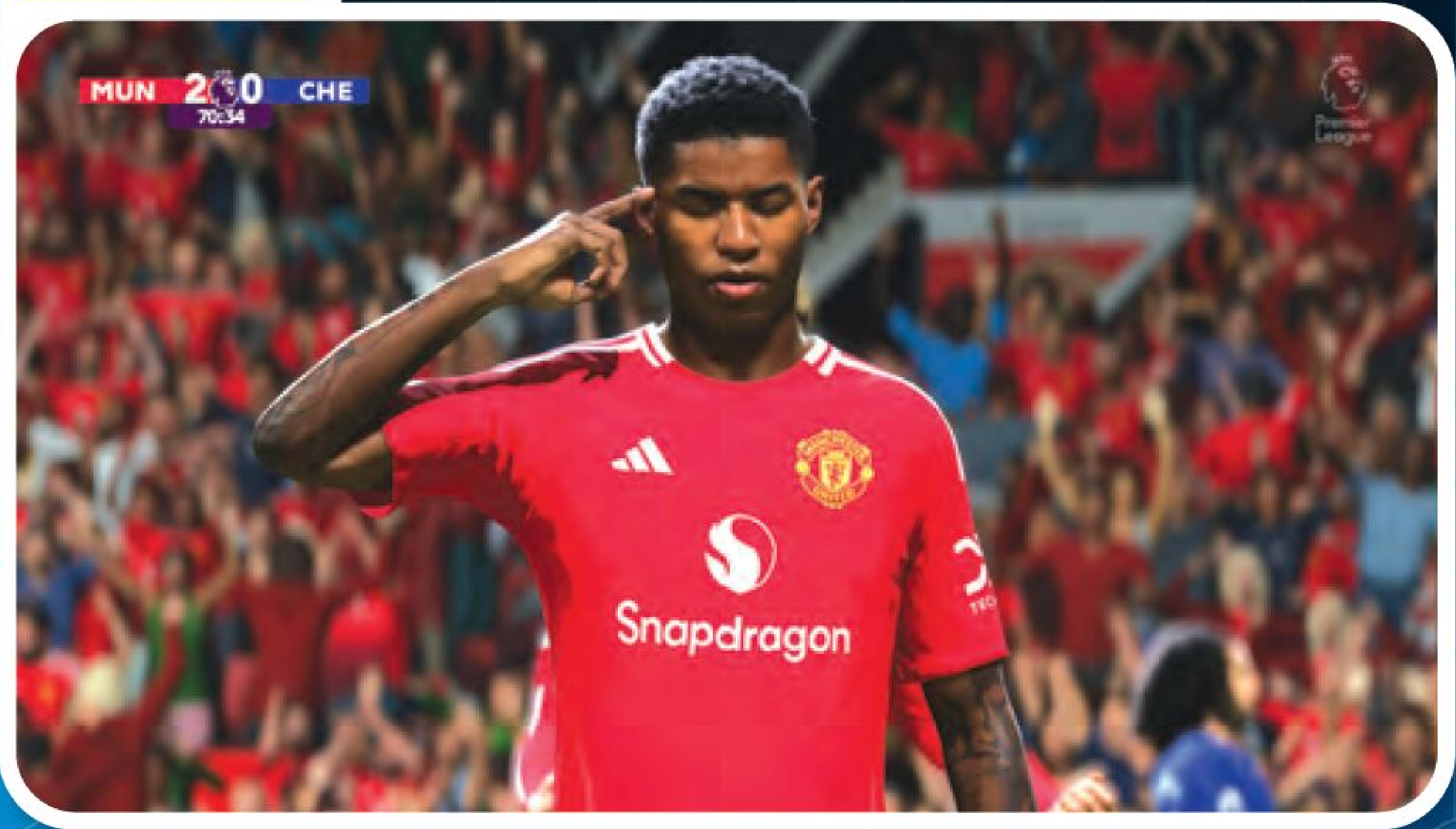
ARMS TO CROWD

■ Hold L1/LB + R/RS spin left to right



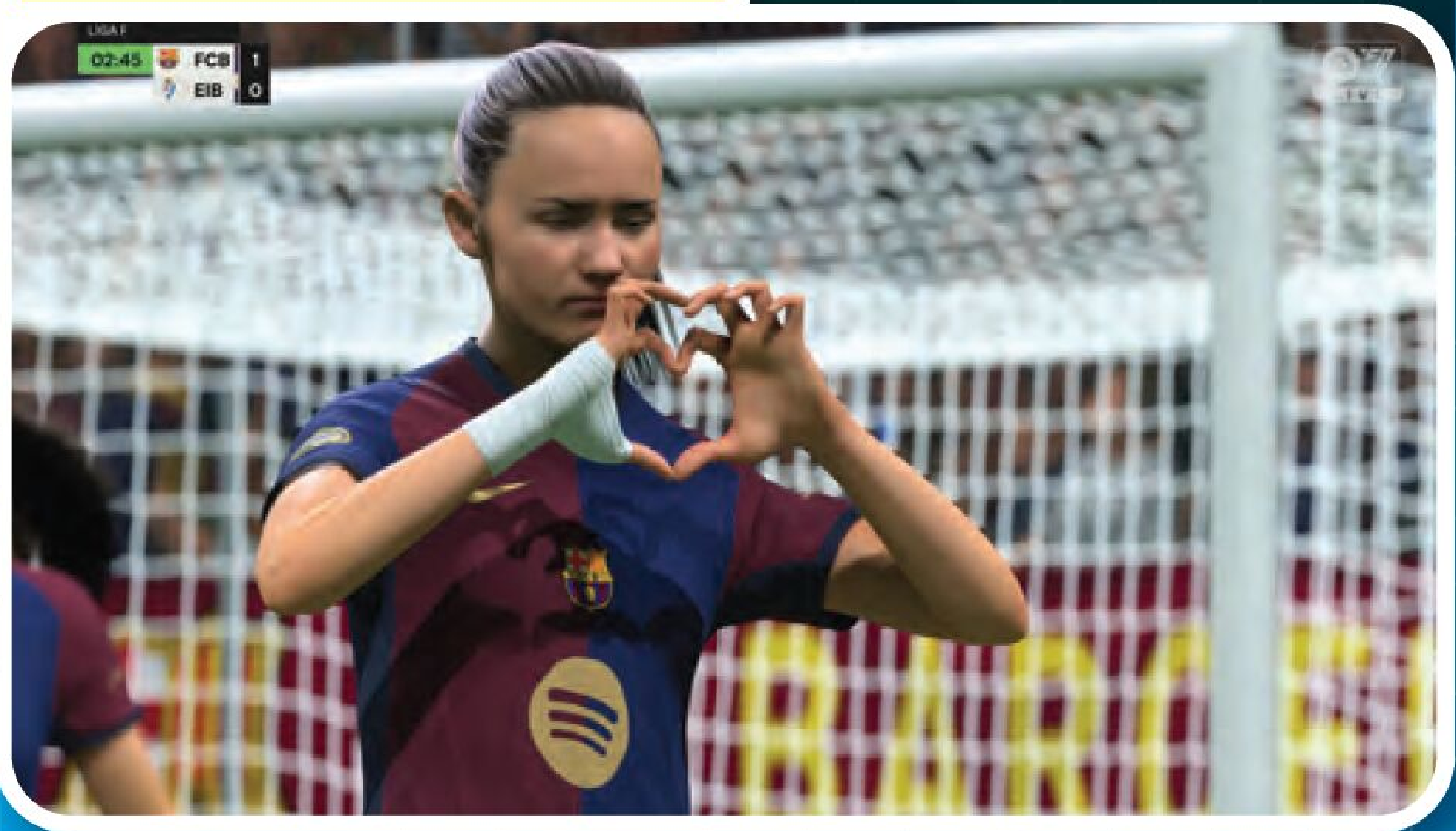
THINK

■ Hold L2/LT + Tap square/X twice



HEART SYMBOL

■ Hold L2/LT + Hold down



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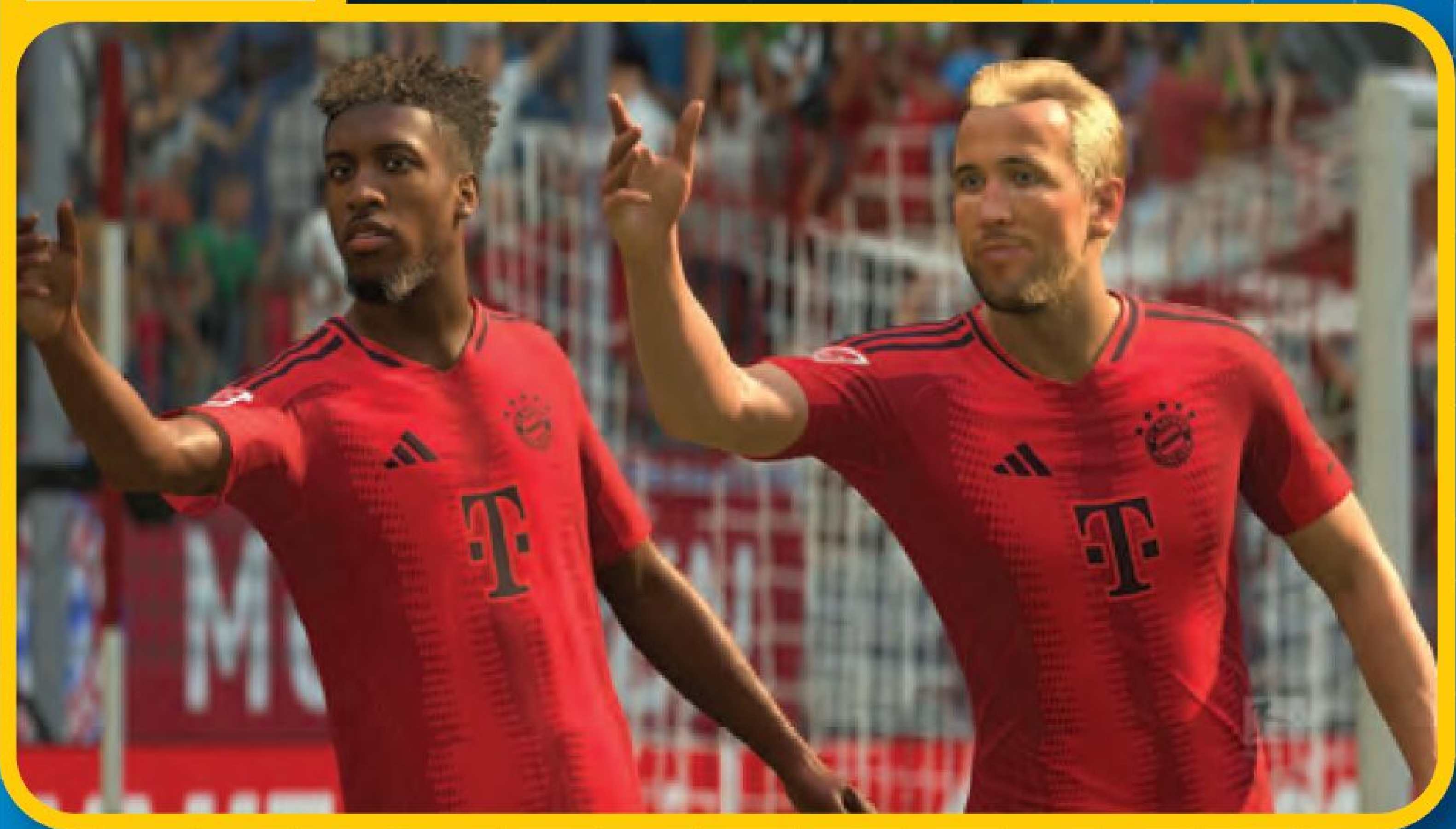
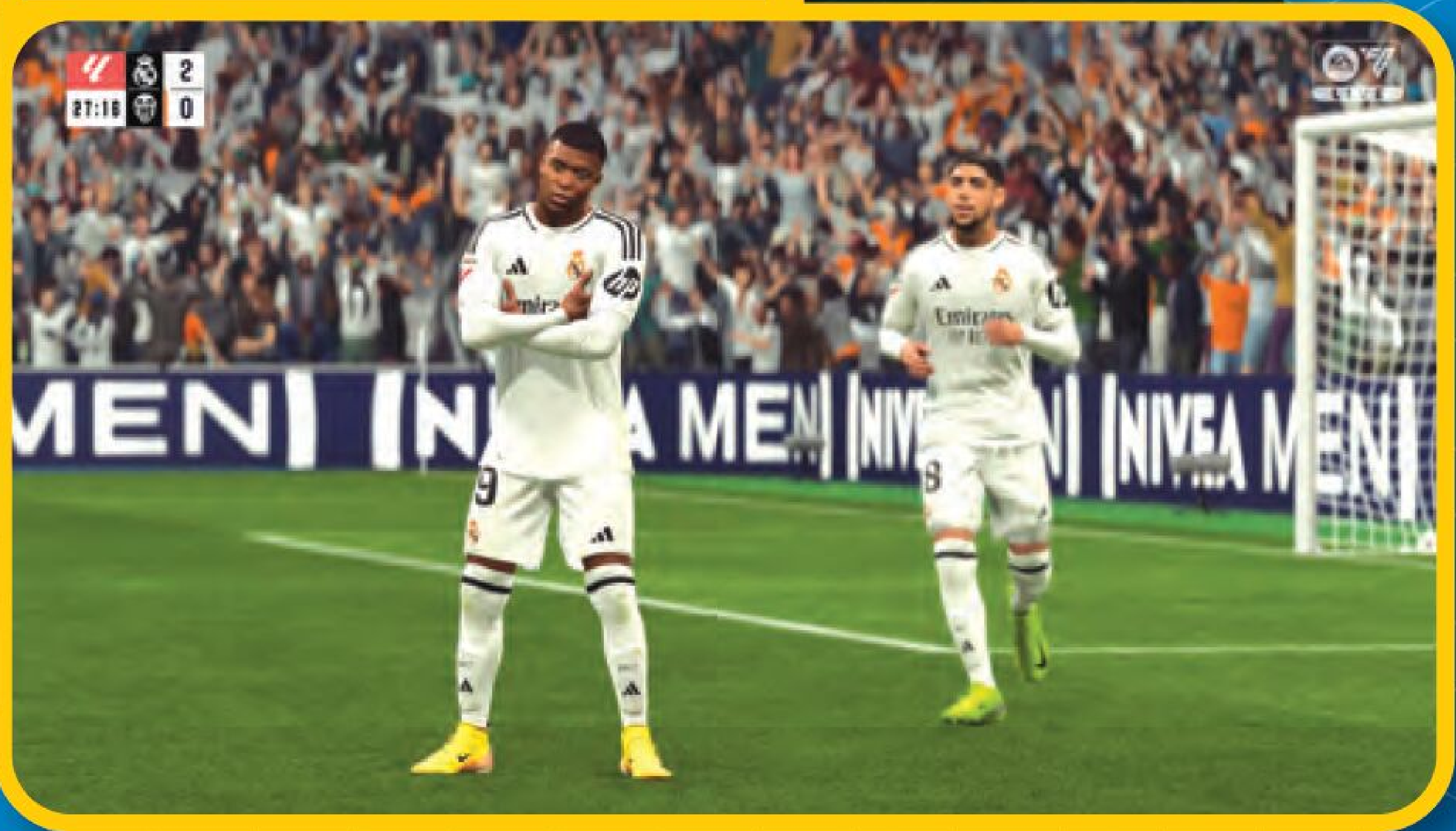
■ Hold R2/RT + R/RS spin right to left



LITTLE BROTHER

■ Hold L2/LT + Tap circle/B twice



CREATE YOUR OWN!

DRAW IT HERE!

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POWER PROFILE!

JUDE BELLINGHAM

POWER UP!

Jude's energy is second to none! He can nip all over the field, running forward to score goals effortlessly and darting back to defend. His unpredictability and speed make it hard for the other team to even mark him properly!

DAMAGE ALERT!

There's a fear this wonderkid might try to do too much himself, leaving his teammates in the dust... and missing opportunities for co-operative play that just might be the difference between a W and an L for his team.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Football runs in the family! Jude's dad Mark Bellingham was a non-league footballer, scoring over 700 goals in his career.
- At 16 years and 38 days, he was the youngest player to start an English league for Birmingham City.
- His transfer to Borussia Dortmund made him the most expensive 17-year-old in history, reported to have been around £25 million!
- He's the cover star of EA SPORTS FC 25. He's the top of the table for the Intercept, Slide Tackle and Technical abilities, and the fifth highest ranked player overall.

- Birmingham City retired his famous #22 shirt when he left them – an honour usually reserved for footy icons!

STATS:

BORN: 29/06/2003
AGE: 21
POSITION: ATTACKING MIDFIELDER
CLUBS: BIRMINGHAM CITY, BORUSSIA DORTMUND, REAL MADRID
CLUB APPEARANCES: 235
GOALS: 54
NATIONAL TEAM: ENGLAND
INT CAPS: 40
INT GOALS: 6

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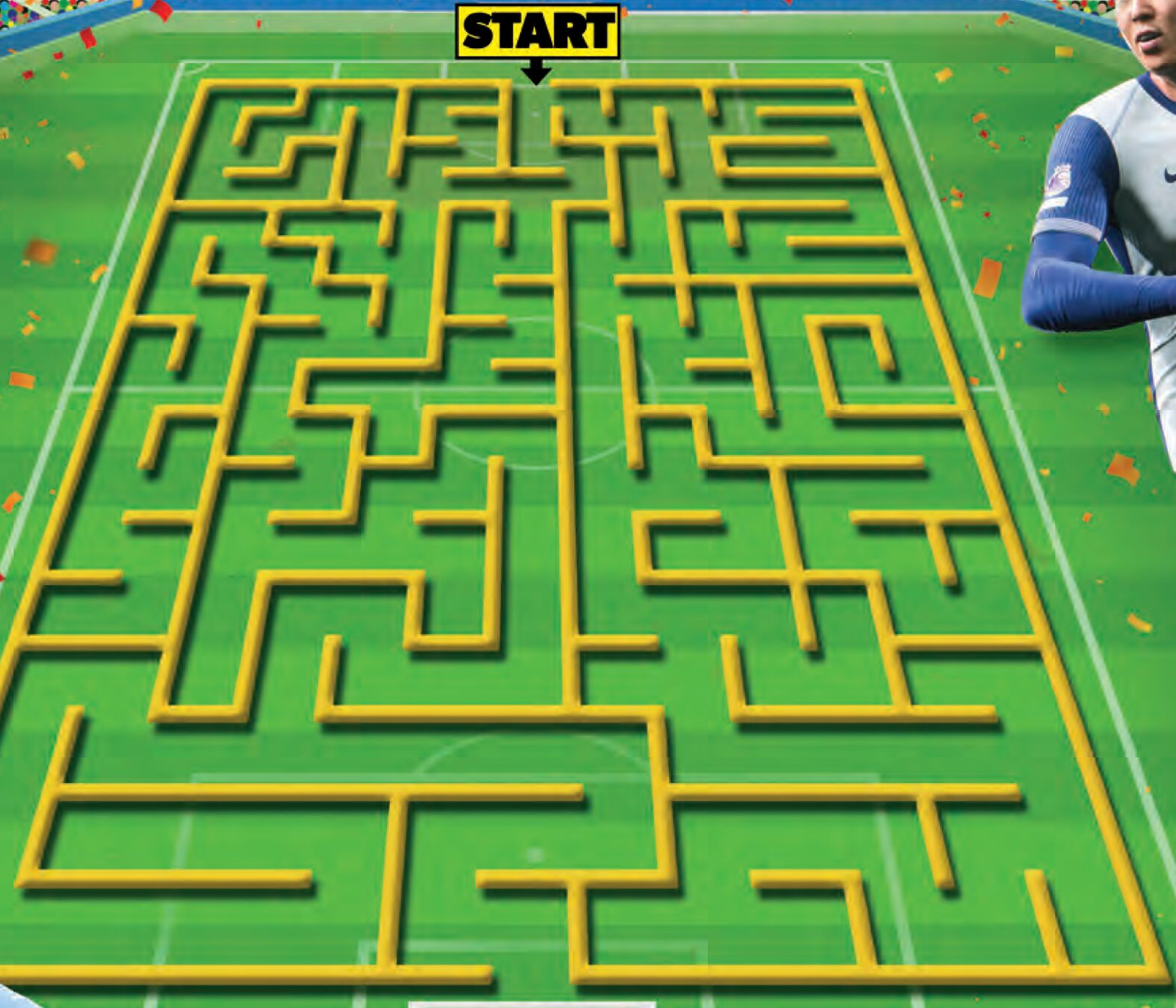
GOING FOR GOLD

BEAT THIS MAZE TO MAKE IT TO FOOTBALL GLORY!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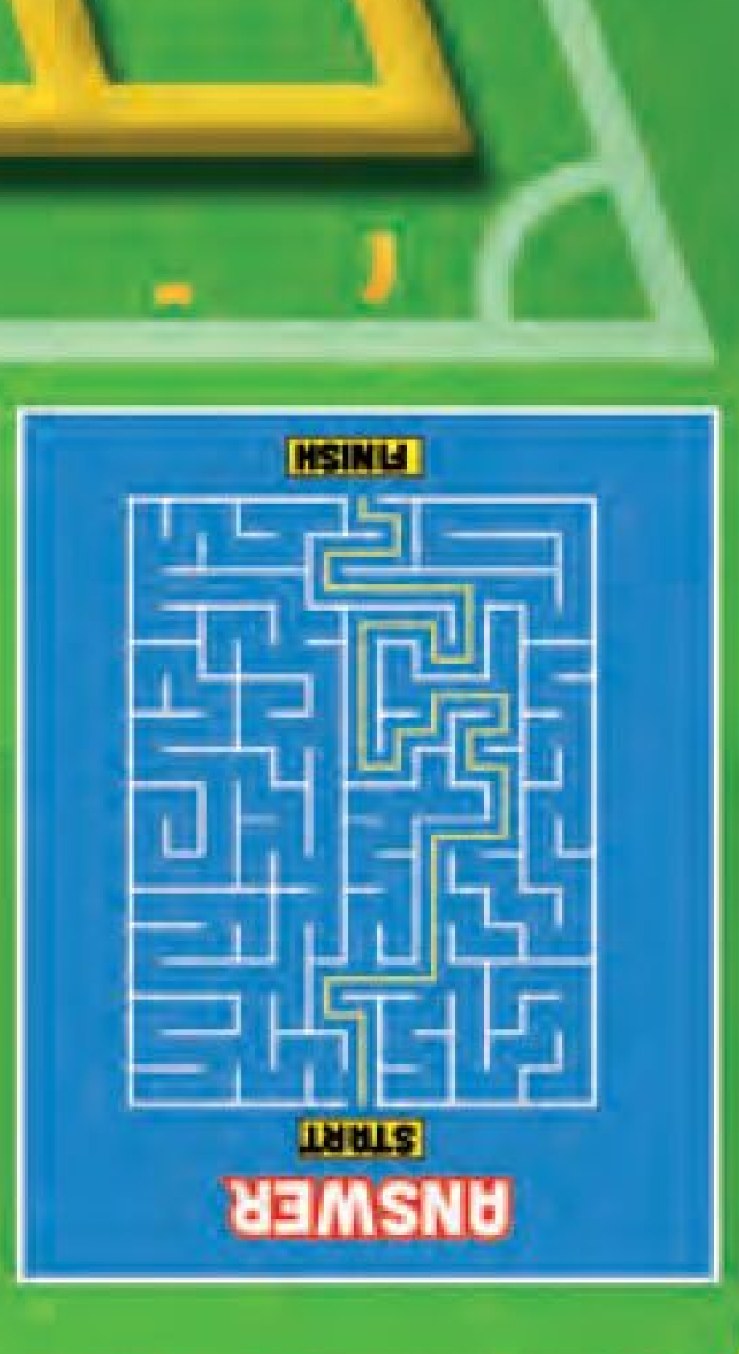
JOKE ALERT!

WHAT POSITION DO GHOSTS PLAY?

GHOULIE!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FOOTY FUNNIES!

You'll get a kick out of these jokes!

WHAT IS **JORDAN PICKFORD'S** FAVOURITE LUNCH?

BEANS ON POST!

WHY DON'T FOOTBALL PLAYERS EVER GET HOT?

BECAUSE THEY HAVE TOO MANY FANS!

WHY DID THE FOOTBALLER GO TO JAIL?

BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T STOP KICKING UP A FUSS!

BAWK, BAWK, BAWK!

WHAT'S A FOOTBALL PLAYER'S FAVOURITE TYPE OF TEA?

PENALTY!

WHY DID THE CHICKEN GET A RED CARD?

FOR PERSISTENT FOWL PLAY!

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WHO SCORED THE MOST SOCCER GOALS IN THE GREEK MYTHOLOGY LEAGUE?

THE CENTAUR FORWARD!

WHICH FOOTBALL TEAM LOVES ICE-CREAM?

ASTON VANILLA!

WHY WAS THE FOOTBALL TEAM GREAT AT MUSIC?

THEY HAD THE BEST SCORES!

WHY AREN'T FOOTBALL STADIUMS BUILT IN OUTER SPACE?

THEY NEED A LITTLE ATMOSPHERE!

WHERE DO FOOTBALLERS GO TO DANCE?

THE FOOTBALL!

WHICH FOOTBALL TEAM DO COWBOYS SUPPORT?

SPURS!

WHICH FOOTBALL PLAYER ALWAYS LEAVES THEIR KIT ON THE FLOOR?

MESSI!

WHY WAS THE FOOTBALL PITCH WET?

THE PLAYERS HAD DRIBBLED ALL OVER IT!

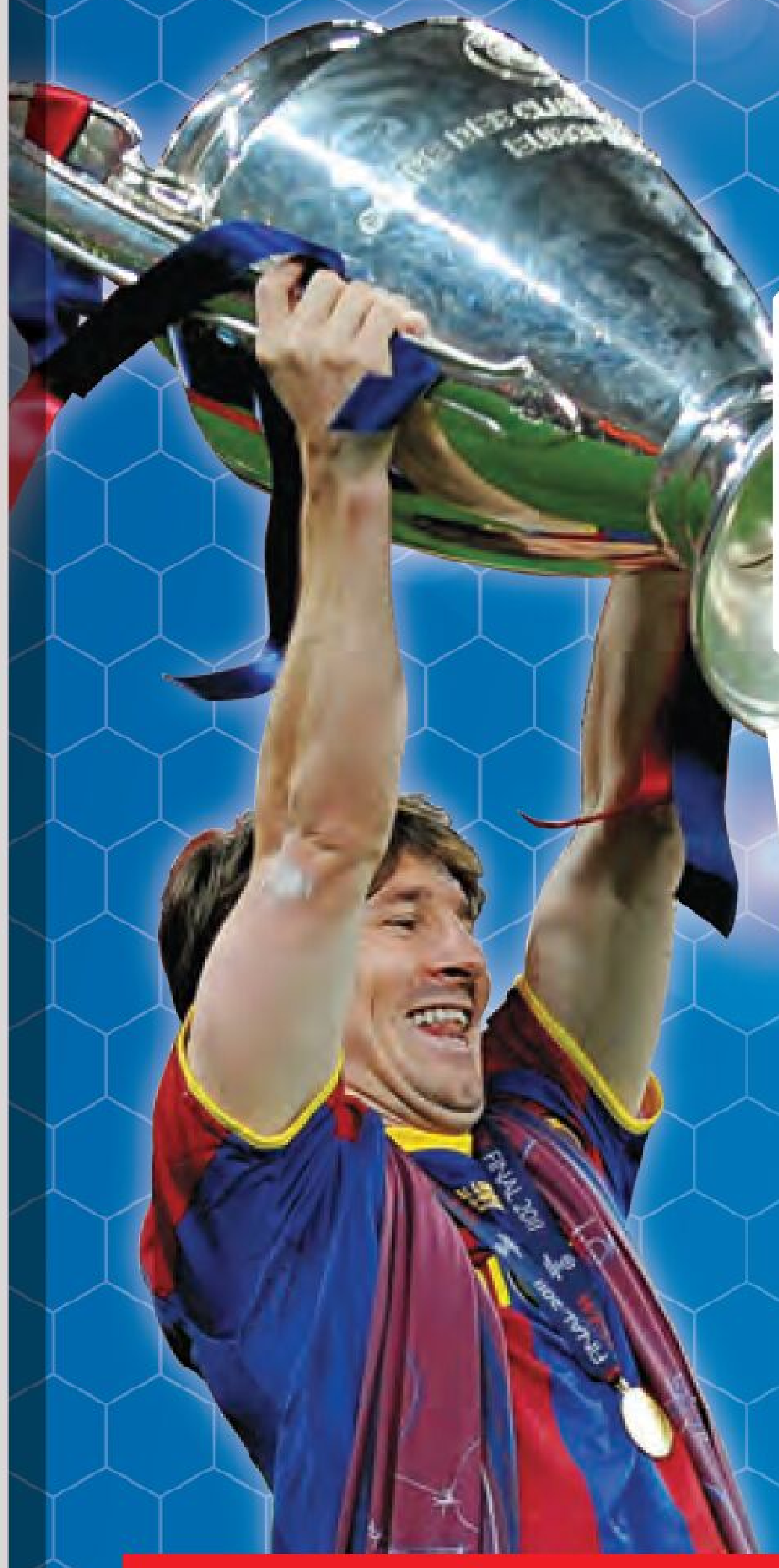
WHAT'S A FOOTBALLER'S FAVOURITE PRECIOUS METAL?

GOOOOOLD!

WHAT FOOTBALL CLUB DO SHEEP SUPPORT?
BAAARCELONA!

TOP 10

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WINNERS!



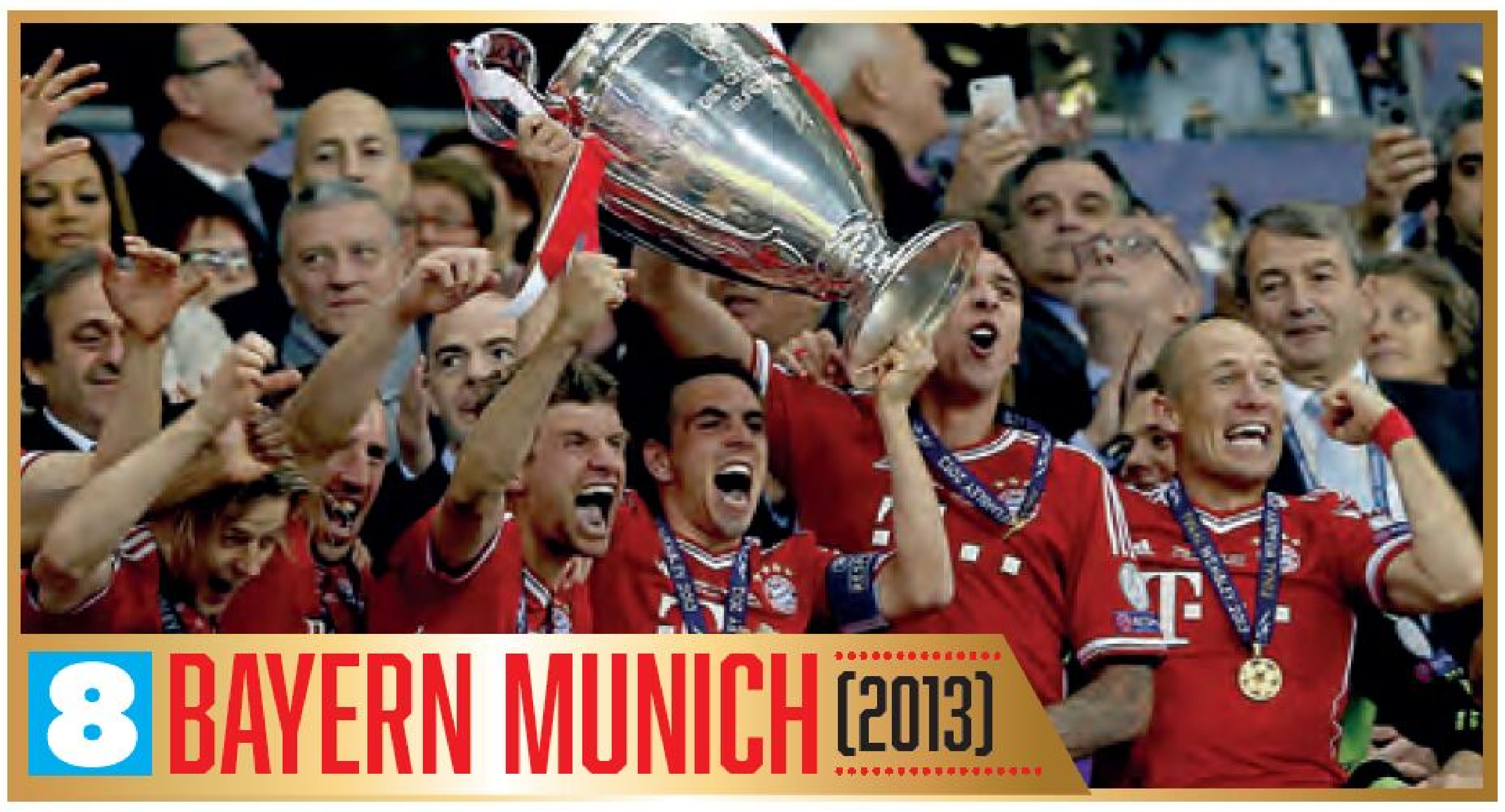
Once known as the European Cup, the tournament was given a different name in 1992 – the UEFA Champions League. Here we rank ten of the best winners!

10 REAL MADRID (2002)

With **Zinedine Zidane** joining **Raùl**, **Roberto Carlos** and **Luís Figo** in the Real Madrid line-up, much was expected of this team. They scored 27 goals in 12 matches over two group stages and defeated Barcelona 2-0 at the Camp Nou in the semis. The final at Hampden Park saw one of the all-time great goals as **Zidane** volleyed a ball from the heavens into the back of the net.

9 AJAX (1995)

AC Milan were considered the strongest team in the world at the time, but this impressive young Ajax team beat them three times in the same competition. Twice in the group stage and again in the final. Led by veteran **Frank Rijkaard**, the young supporting cast of **Davids**, **Seedorf**, **Overmars** and **Kluivert** lit up the competition and ensured they lifted their fourth European Cup.



8 BAYERN MUNICH (2013)

Half of this team went on to play in the 2014 World Cup final which highlights how strong it was. With the outstanding **Franck Ribéry** on one wing and **Arjen Robben** on the other, they easily beat Juventus 4-0 in the quarter-finals before spanking Barcelona 7-0 over two semi-final legs. A late winner over German rivals Dortmund secured the trophy.

7 REAL MADRID (2018)

This win made it three Champions League triumphs in-a-row and will be remembered for two extraordinary goals – a **Cristiano Ronaldo** overhead kick against future club Juventus and **Gareth Bale's** amazing winner in the final against Liverpool. Along the way they also knocked out PSG and Bayern Munich, a run to the final as hard as could be.

6 BARCELONA (2015)

■ MSN – Lionel Messi, Luis Suárez and Neymar – were all on show scoring a combined 137 goals across 2015. This special team defeated the champions of England (Manchester City), the champions of France (PSG) and the champions of Germany (Bayern Munich) before toppling the champions of Italy (Juventus) in the final.

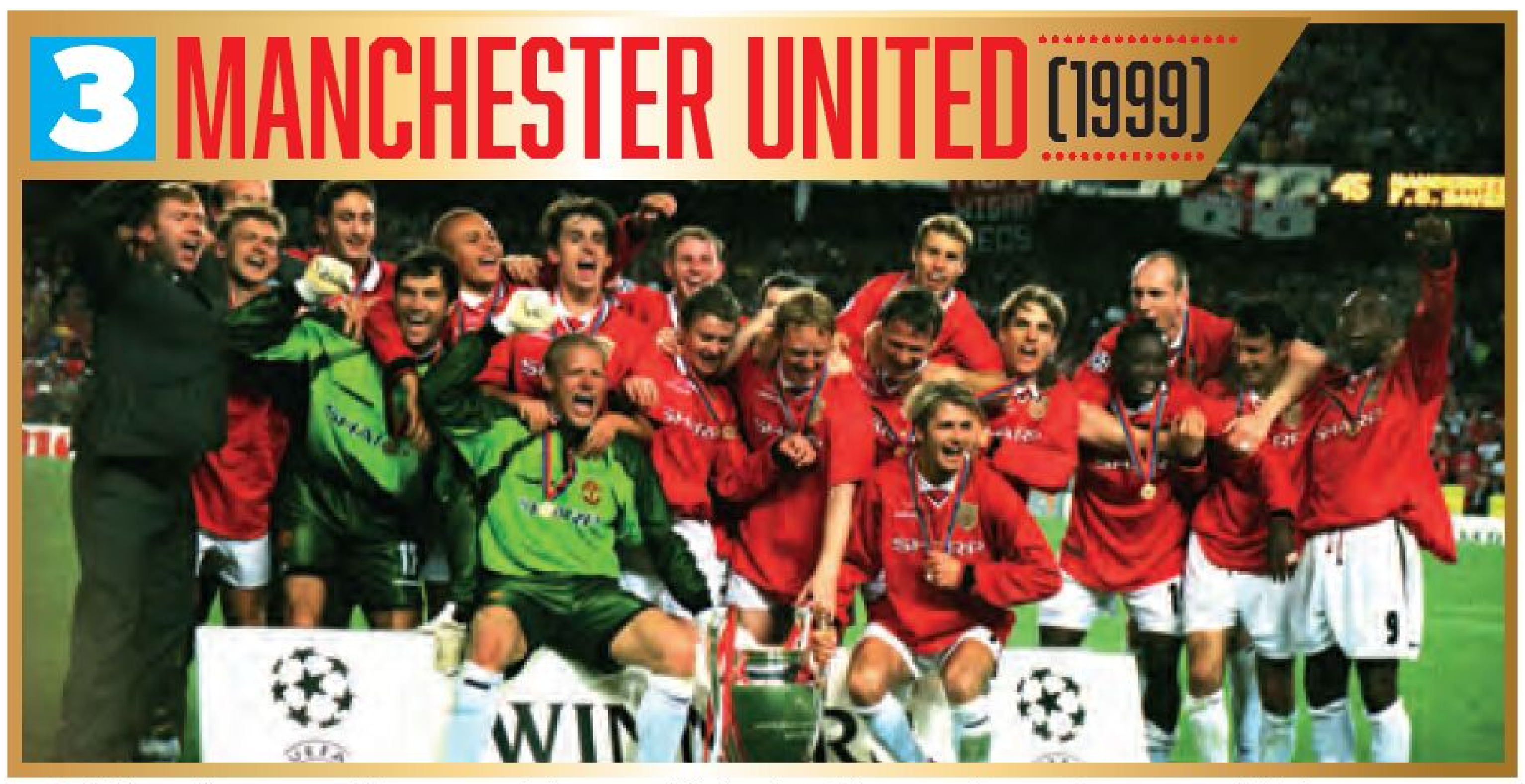
5 BARCELONA (2011)

■ Lionel Messi scored a remarkable 12 goals in the competition, including a double against Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu in the semi-finals. With David Villa also enjoying a strong season up front and Xavi and Iniesta dictating play from midfield, Manchester United never stood a chance in the final and were comfortably beat 3-1 at Wembley.

4 BAYERN MUNICH (2020)

■ This win was peak Bayern Munich as they won six out of six in the group stage scoring 24 goals in the process. In the last 16 they put seven past Chelsea over two legs before beating Barcelona 8-2 in a one-off quarter-final. A straightforward 3-0 win followed over Lyon in the semis before beating PSG 1-0 in the final, meaning they'd lifted the trophy by winning every match along the way.

3 MANCHESTER UNITED (1999)



■ This win was the most incredible in Champions League history. Having already won the Premier League by one point followed by an FA Cup win over Newcastle, Sir Alex Ferguson's men travelled to the Camp Nou to face Bayern Munich in the final. They trailed 1-0 as the clock struck 90 minutes, only to go and score two injury-time goals and snatch the trophy from Bayern's grasp.

2 REAL MADRID (2017)

■ With Cristiano Ronaldo, Karim Benzema and Gareth Bale leading the line, and the likes of Kroos, Modrić and Sergio Ramos behind them, this Real team won La Liga, the UEFA Super Cup, Club World Cup and Champions League all in the same season. The latter was won by dismantling a strong Juventus team 4-1 in the final.

1 BARCELONA (2009)

■ The 2008/09 Barcelona team was perfection on a football pitch. A side with Xavi, Iniesta, Busquets, Yaya Touré, Samuel Eto'o, Thierry Henry and a young Lionel Messi were frighteningly good, seeing off Bayern Munich and then Chelsea before a comfortable 2-0 win over Manchester United in the final.

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POWER PROFILE!

ERLING HAALAND

POWER UP!

Haaland is a true goal getter and is capable of scoring a variety of goals off either foot! His height, strength and speed make him a tough opponent for any defence.

DAMAGE ALERT!

He's incredible at scoring goals, but he could be more involved in the build-up play. He often focuses on getting into scoring positions, meaning he doesn't always link up with teammates early enough in the attack.

DID YOU KNOW?

- His dad, **Alf-Inge Haaland**, played for Leeds when **Erling** was born, later captaining Manchester City – an influence on **Erling's** move from Borussia Dortmund!
- He broke the record for the most Premier League goals scored in a single season with an impressive 36 goals!
- He was the cover star for **EA SPORTS FC 24** and is one of the most valuable players in the game!

- He scored eight hat-tricks in 69 Premier League games – on average that's one every nine games!

STATS:

BORN: 21/07/2000
AGE: 24
POSITION: CENTRE-FORWARD
CLUBS: SALZBURG, BORUSSIA DORTMUND, MANCHESTER CITY
CLUB APPEARANCES: 125
GOALS: 111
NATIONAL TEAM: NORWAY
INT CAPS: 39
INT GOALS: 38

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GROUP STAGE GRID!

CAN YOU FIND ALL EIGHT COUNTRIES HIDDEN IN THE GRID BELOW?

S	G		I	C		J	U	
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I		O	L		N	Y		D
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A	D		L	Y		P	T	

ENGLAND ☐

GERMANY ☐

EGYPT ☐

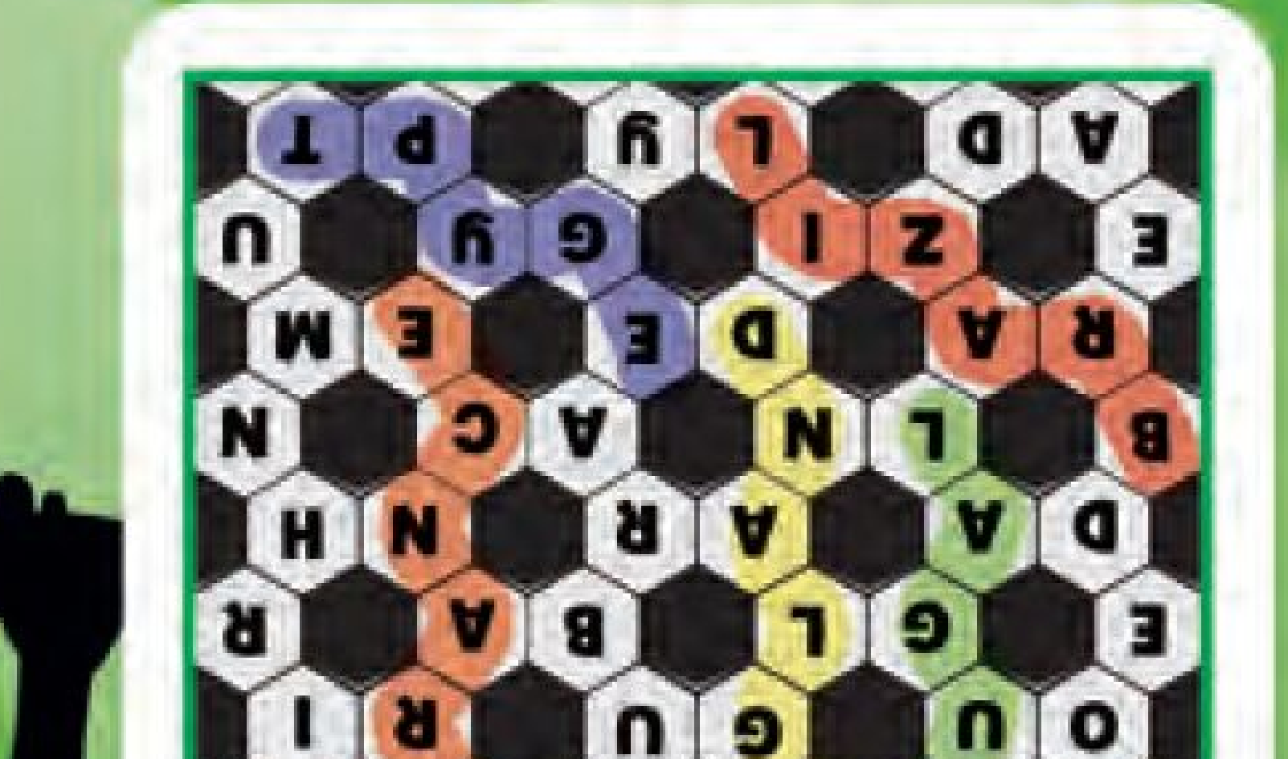
FRANCE ☐

ICELAND ☐

BRAZIL ☐

PORTUGAL ☐

SPAIN ☐



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GET THE GOAL!

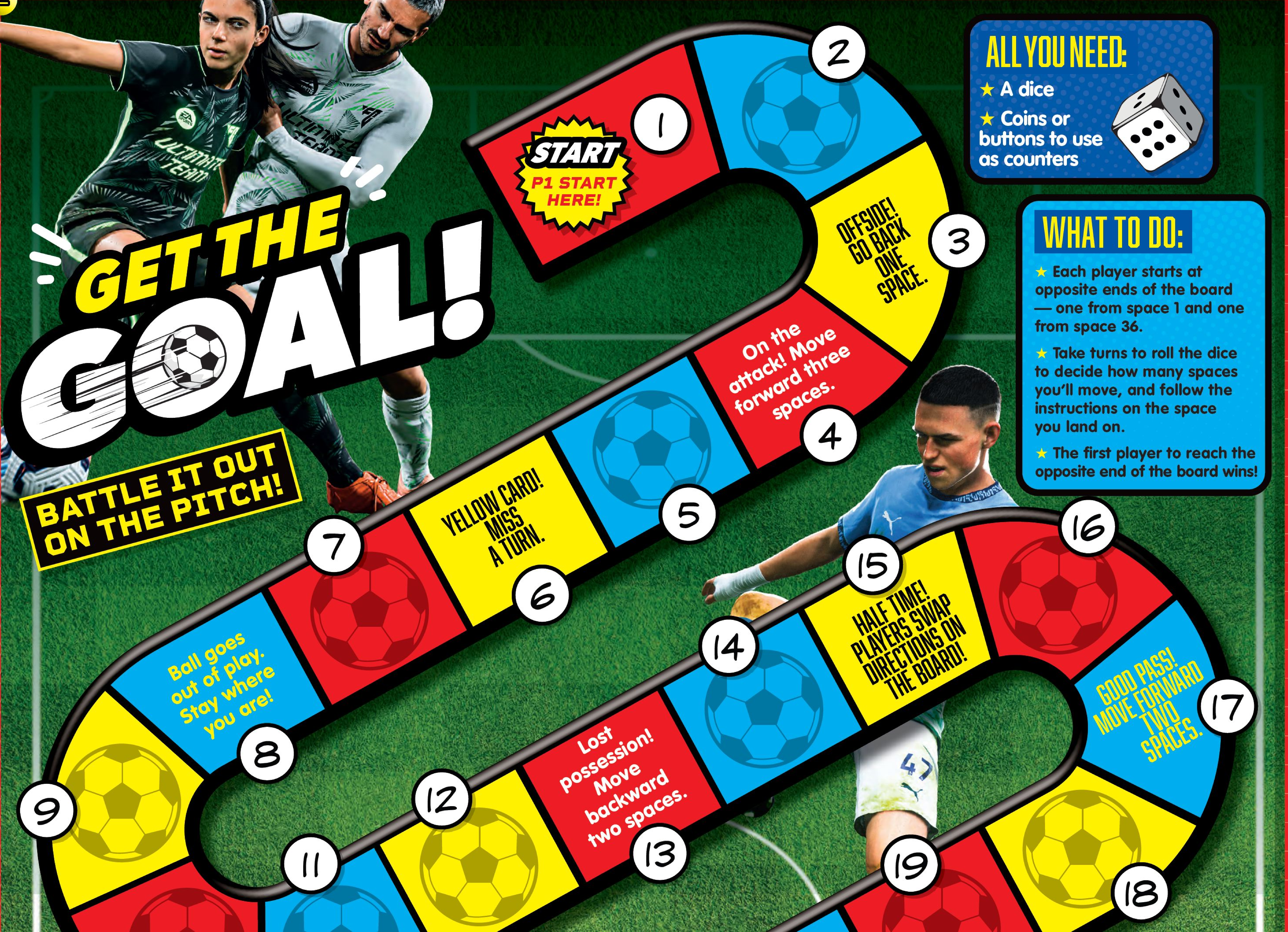
BATTLE IT OUT ON THE PITCH!

ALL YOU NEED:

- ★ A dice
- ★ Coins or buttons to use as counters

WHAT TO DO:

- ★ Each player starts at opposite ends of the board — one from space 1 and one from space 36.
- ★ Take turns to roll the dice to decide how many spaces you'll move, and follow the instructions on the space you land on.
- ★ The first player to reach the opposite end of the board wins!


START
P1 START HERE!
1
2
OFFSIDE! GO BACK ONE SPACE.
3
On the attack! Move forward three spaces.
4
5
YELLOW CARD! MISS A TURN.
6
7
Ball goes out of play. Stay where you are!
8
9
11
12
Lost possession! Move backward two spaces.
13
14
HALF TIME! PLAYERS SWAP DIRECTIONS ON THE BOARD!
15
16
GOOD PASS! MOVE FORWARD TWO SPACES.
17
18
19

10
BACK O' THE NET!
Substitutions! Roll the dice again.
20
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22
23
FREE KICK! Move forward three spaces.
24
25
Corner! Move forward one space.
26
27
FOUL! MISS A TURN.
28
29
VAR check. Stay where you are!
30
31
32
33
PENALTY KICK! MOVE FORWARD THREE SPACES.
34
35
Injury! Move backward a space.
36
START
P2 START HERE!
PITCH PERFECT!

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FANTASY FOOTBALL
TIPS & TRICKS!

Keen to become a Premier League manager? Well, it's time for you to start playing Fantasy Premier League as it's as close to the real thing as millions of people will get! Read on for a beginner's guide...

As a fantasy manager, your mission is to choose a squad of real-life players who score points based on their performances each week. With a strategic selection of players, formations, and captains, you'll compete for points and prizes throughout the season.

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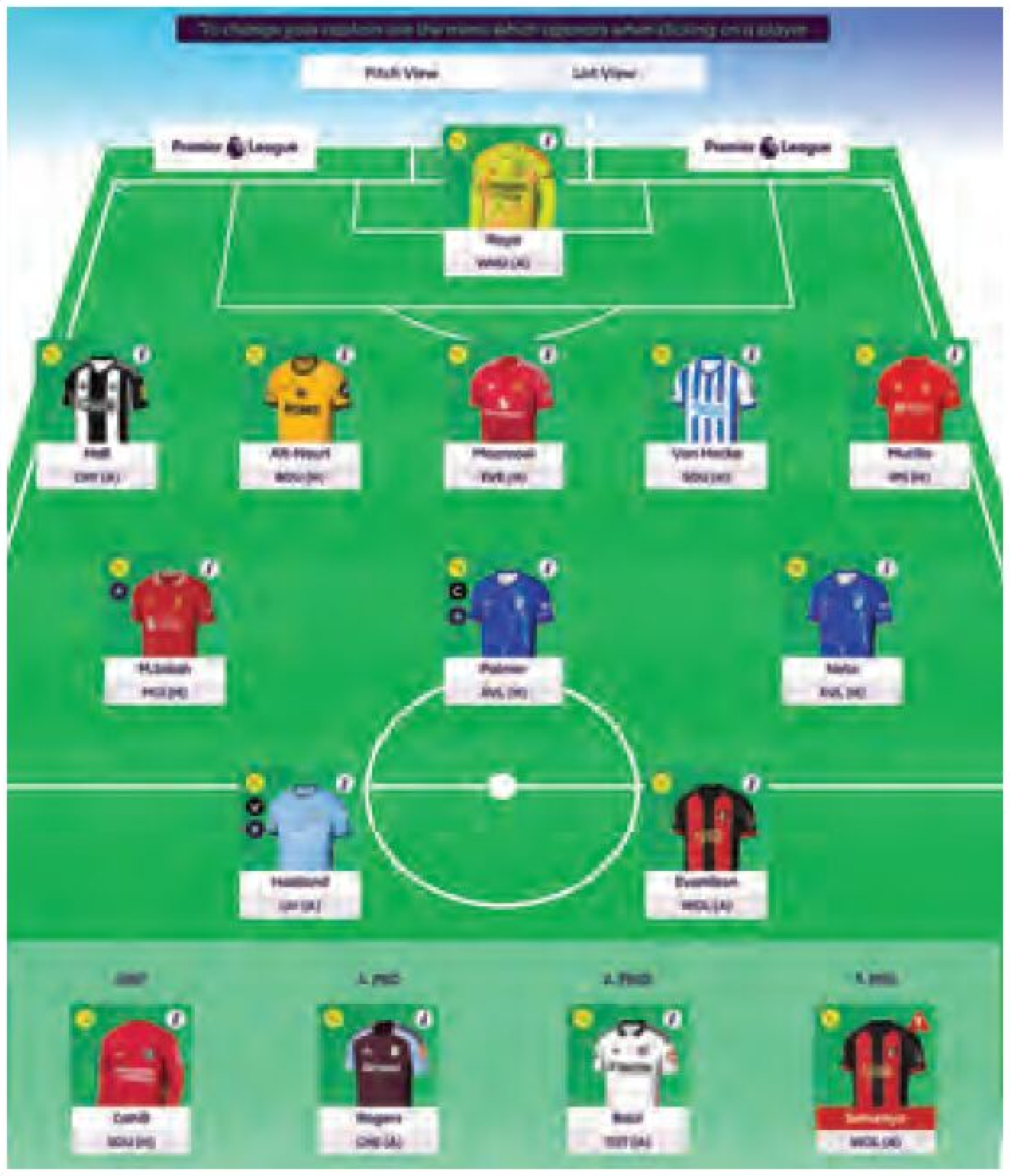
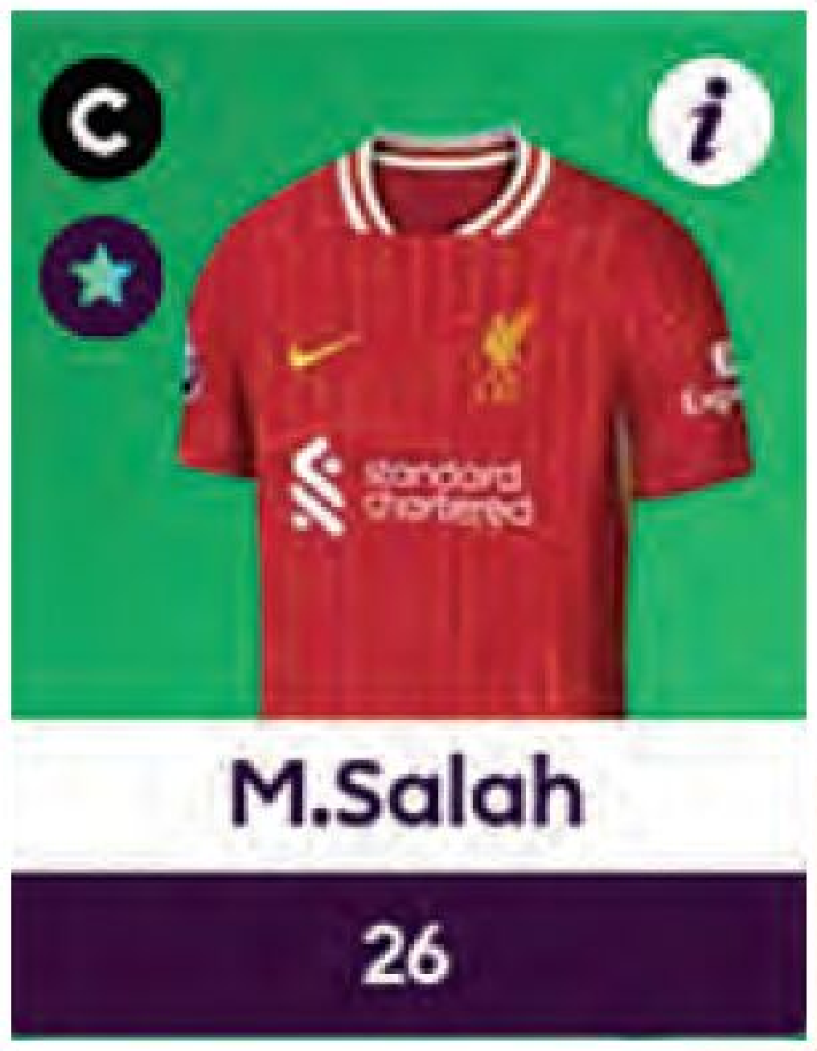
BUILD A SQUAD



Armed with a budget of £100 million, it's your job to put together a squad of 15 players consisting of two goalkeepers, five defenders, five midfielders and three forwards. A maximum of three players may be selected from any one club.

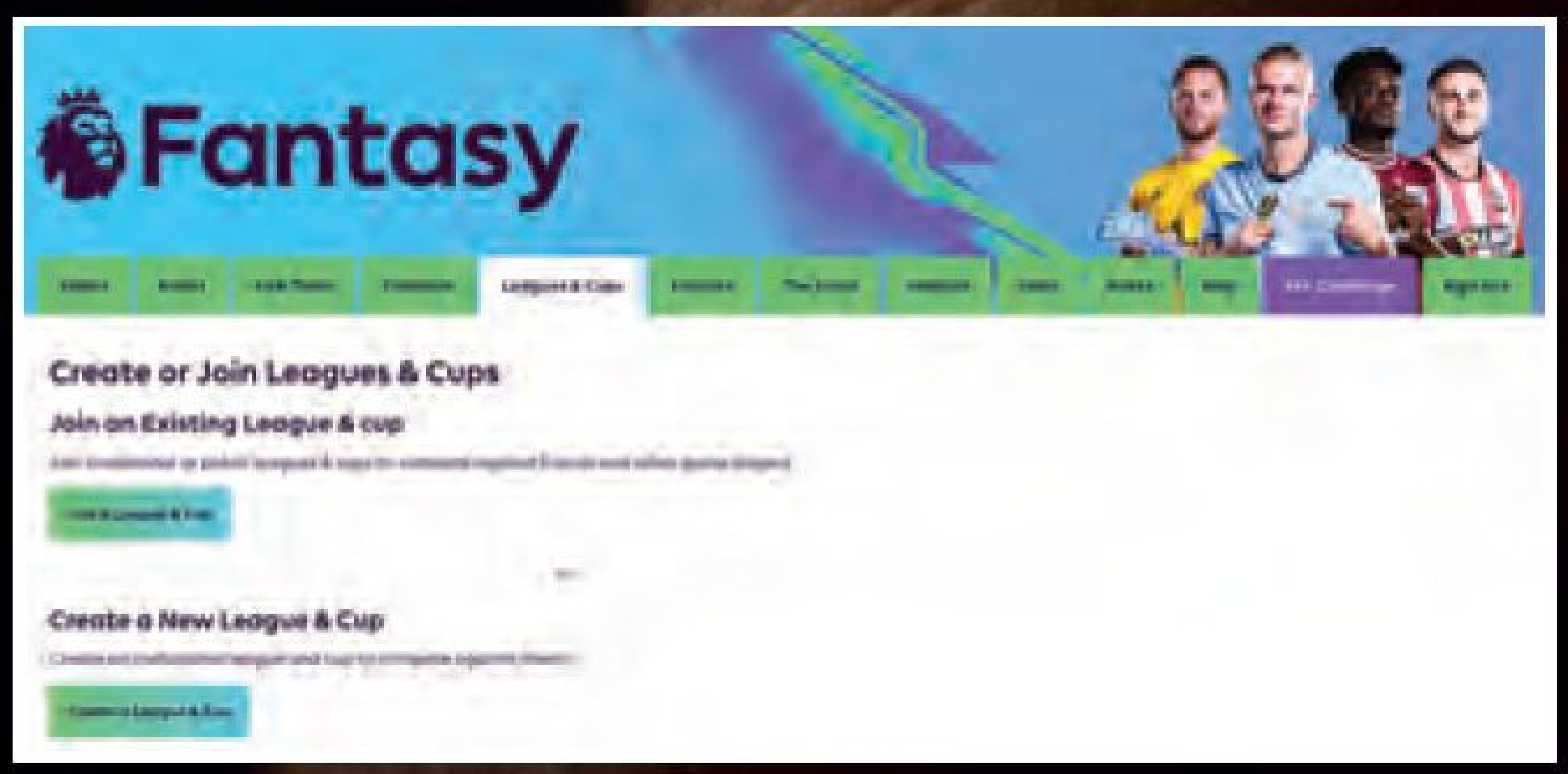
HOW TO SCORE



Points are awarded to players for goals, assists, saves and clean sheets. There are additional bonus points available for players who have excelled in a match. Managers also choose a captain and a vice-captain for each game week. A captain's score is doubled, but if he doesn't play, then it's the vice-captain who scores double instead.

LEAGUES

When you join Fantasy Premier League, you'll be placed into various leagues, like a fan league for your favourite team and a country league. You can also create a mini-league to challenge your friends.



Fantasy

Create or Join Leagues & Cups

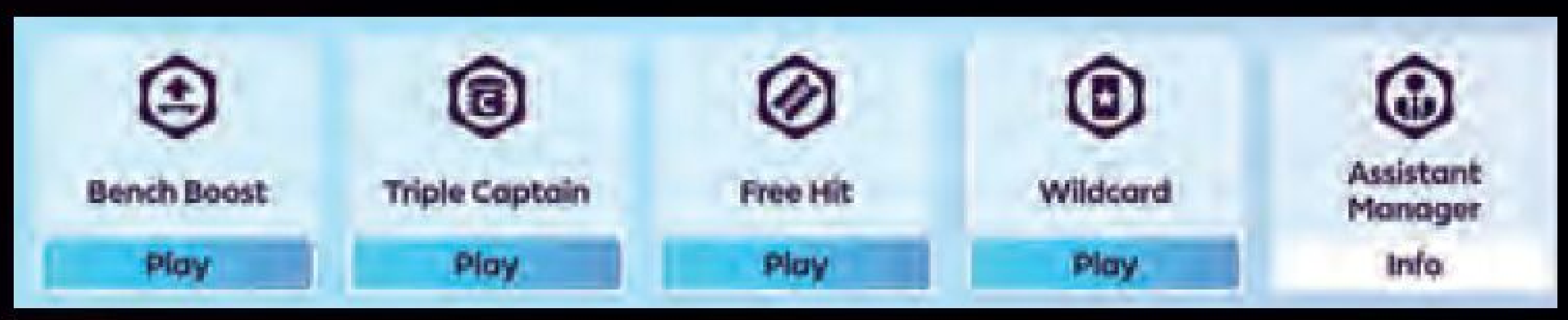
Join an Existing League & Cup

Create a New League & Cup

CHIPS

There are five chips to play over the course of the season which can boost your team's points total in a Gameweek... but you can only use one per Gameweek:

- **Wildcard** – Completely change your team without forfeiting points (you have two Wildcards to use per season).
- **Triple Captain** – Activating this chip means your captain gets three times their points total instead of the usual double.
- **Bench Boost** – This chip lets you earn points from your non-playing substitutes, giving you 15 scoring players.
- **Free Hit** – Reset your team by picking a new team for one week only before it reverts back to your original squad.
- **The Assistant Manager Chip** – This new chip allows you to add a manager to your team to score points for three consecutive gameweeks. This real-life PL manager you add will score points for you if the PL team they manage picks up results.



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The official fantasy football game of the Premier League
Sign In
I need to register
Fantasy DRAFT
Play Now →
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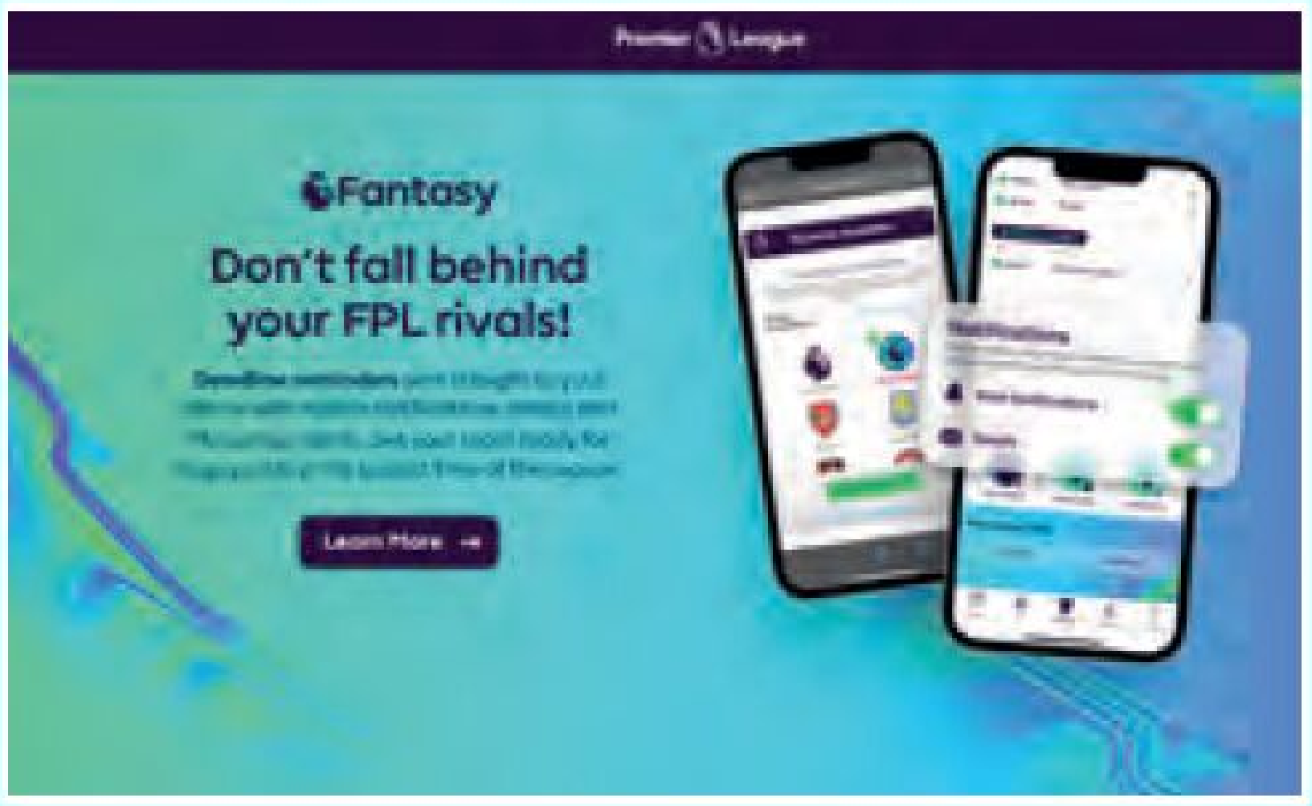
SAY MY NAME!

Being a **Fantasy Premier League** manager also allows you to choose your own team kit and team name. Some game managers like to try funny team names that incorporate real-life players. Check out some of the hilarious efforts!

- Dude Where's Micah?
- Alisson Wonderland
- Stranger Mings
- Major League Saka
- Thomas The Frank Engine
- Back of the Neto
- Eze Come Eze Go
- Tesco McNeil Deal
- The Konate Kid
- Onana, What's My Name?
- How Dalot Can You Go
- Burn Baby Burn
- Paqueta Crisps
- Bad to the Bowen
- Cunha Get Any Worse?

TOP 3 TIPS


Premier League
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Don't fall behind your FPL rivals!
Learn More

1 Keep up-to-date with injuries, suspensions and fixtures. If you don't, you risk signing players who can't play or starting players who may have a tough match against a top team away from home.

2 Find the bargains! A £100 million budget may seem a lot but it's not enough to fill your squad full of elite players. Instead, you'll need to find six or seven lower cost bargains to fill your 15-man squad. How well these guys score will be key to a high finish.

Liam Delap
Murillo Santiago Costa dos Santos
Dwight McNeil

3 Use your chips wisely. Some Gameweeks will see some teams play more than once. Especially if they had games postponed earlier in the season or have had good cup runs. If you have players in a team that are playing twice, then they'd make a good option to include in your Free Hit team or make a Triple Captain as they'll have two games to play meaning double the chance to score points!

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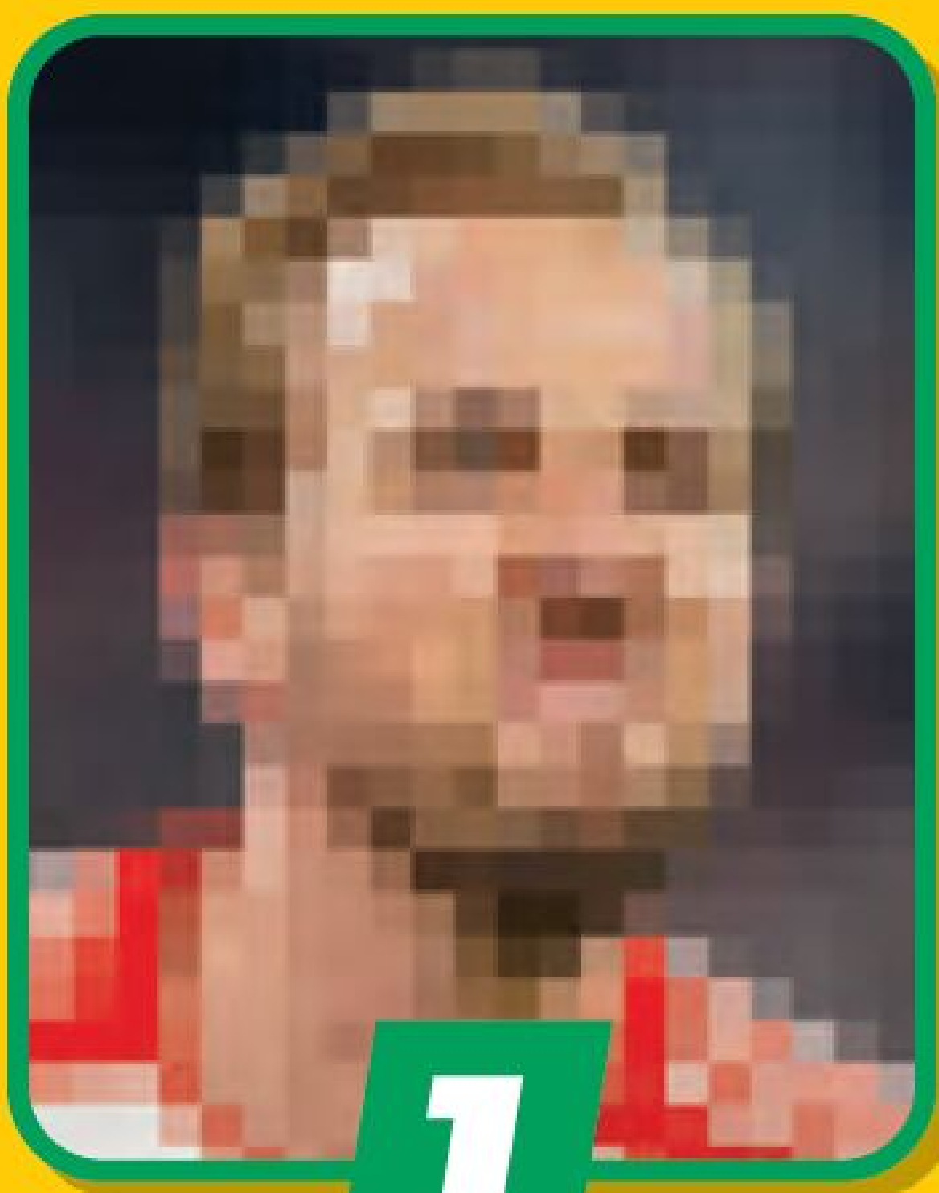
FOOTBALL FUN ZONE

Score big and solve these puzzles!

WARPED WONDERS

These footballers' faces have been pixelated! Match the player to their name.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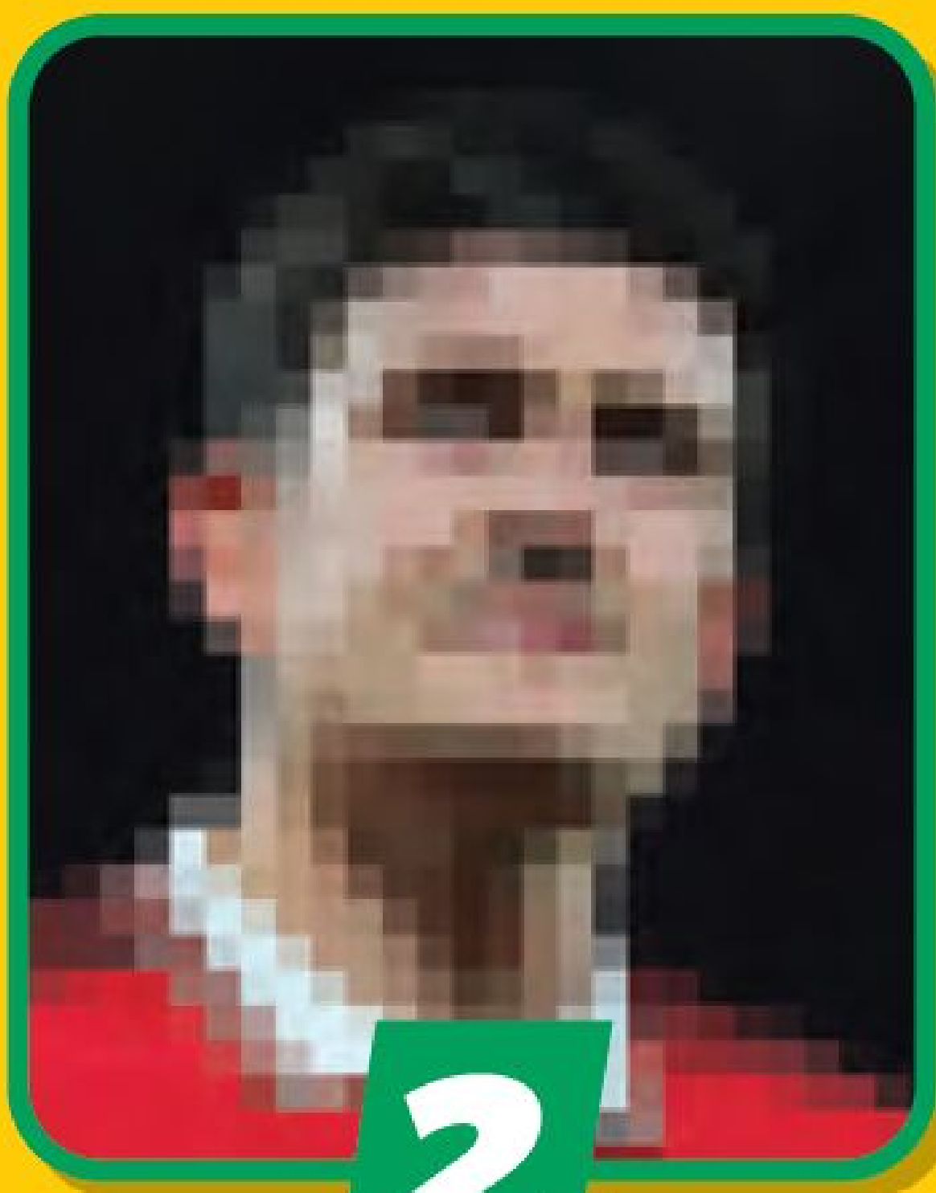
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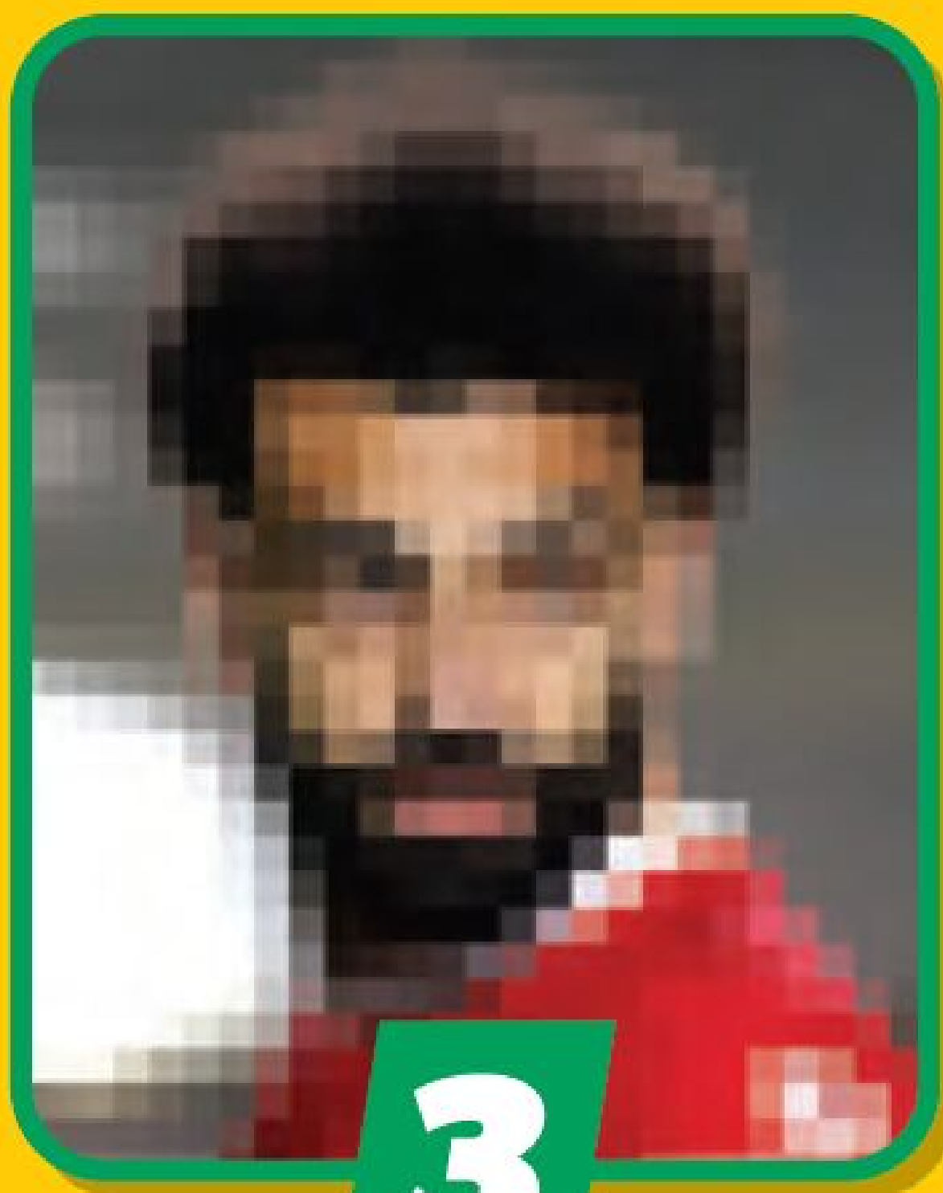
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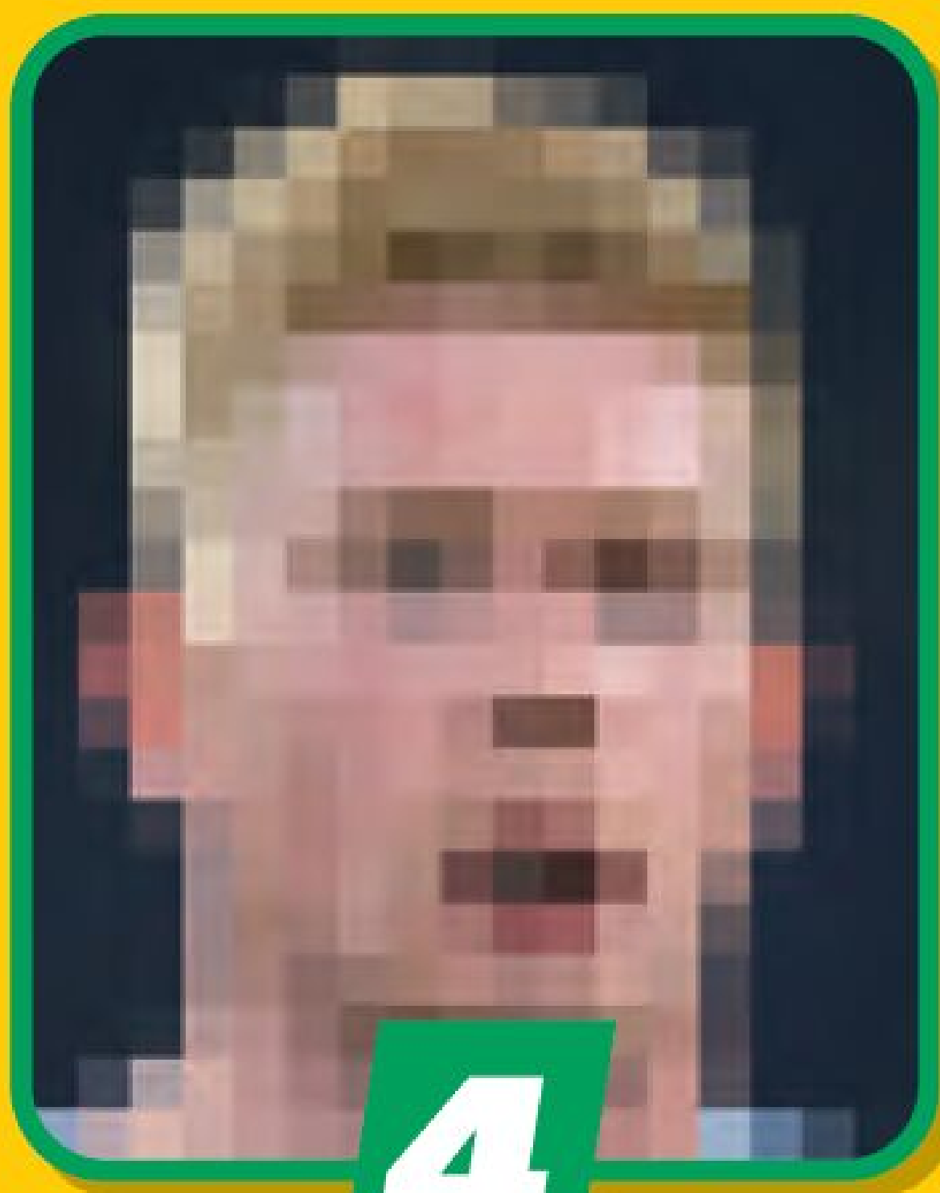
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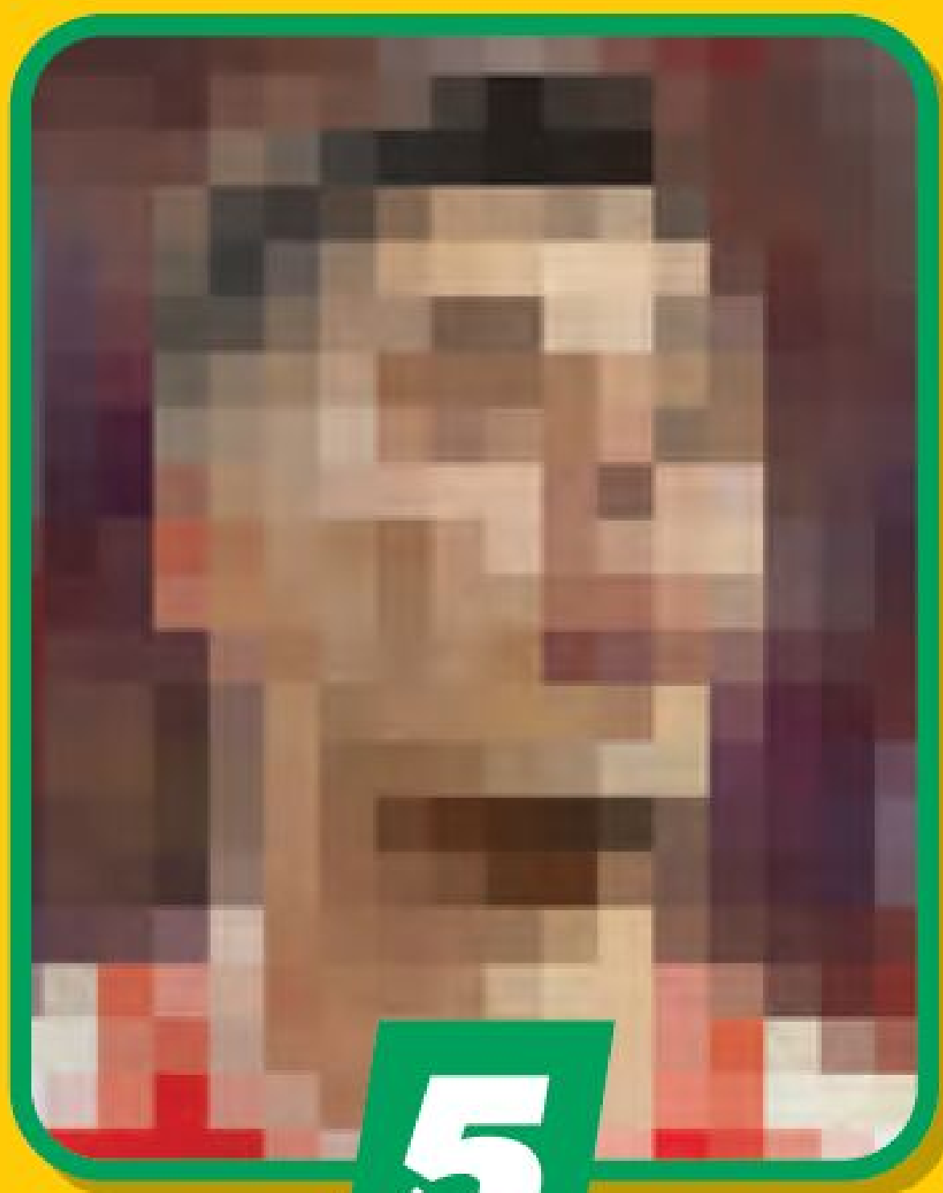
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HAVERTZ **KANE** **MAGUIRE** **SALAH** **DE BRUYNE**

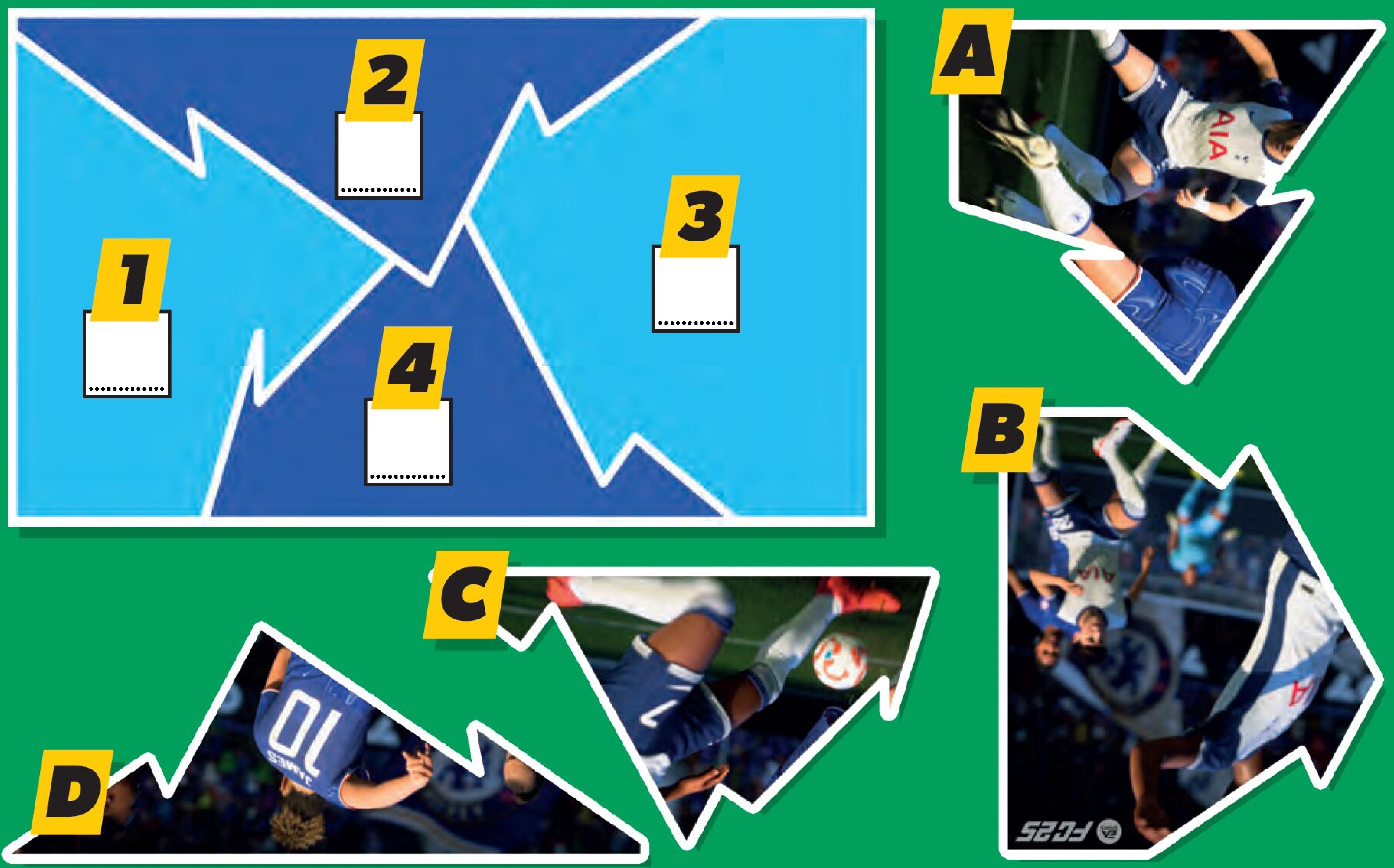
FACT OR FIB?

Put your knowledge to the test and work out whether the statements are true or false!

	T	F
A) England won the World Cup in 1966.	☐	☐
B) Bayern Munich have won the most Champions League titles.	☐	☐
C) There are 18 teams in the Premier League.	☐	☐
D) Manchester City won the Premier League in the 2023/24 season.	☐	☐
E) Arsenal have never won the FA Cup.	☐	☐
F) Alan Shearer is the all time top goal scorer in Premier League history.	☐	☐

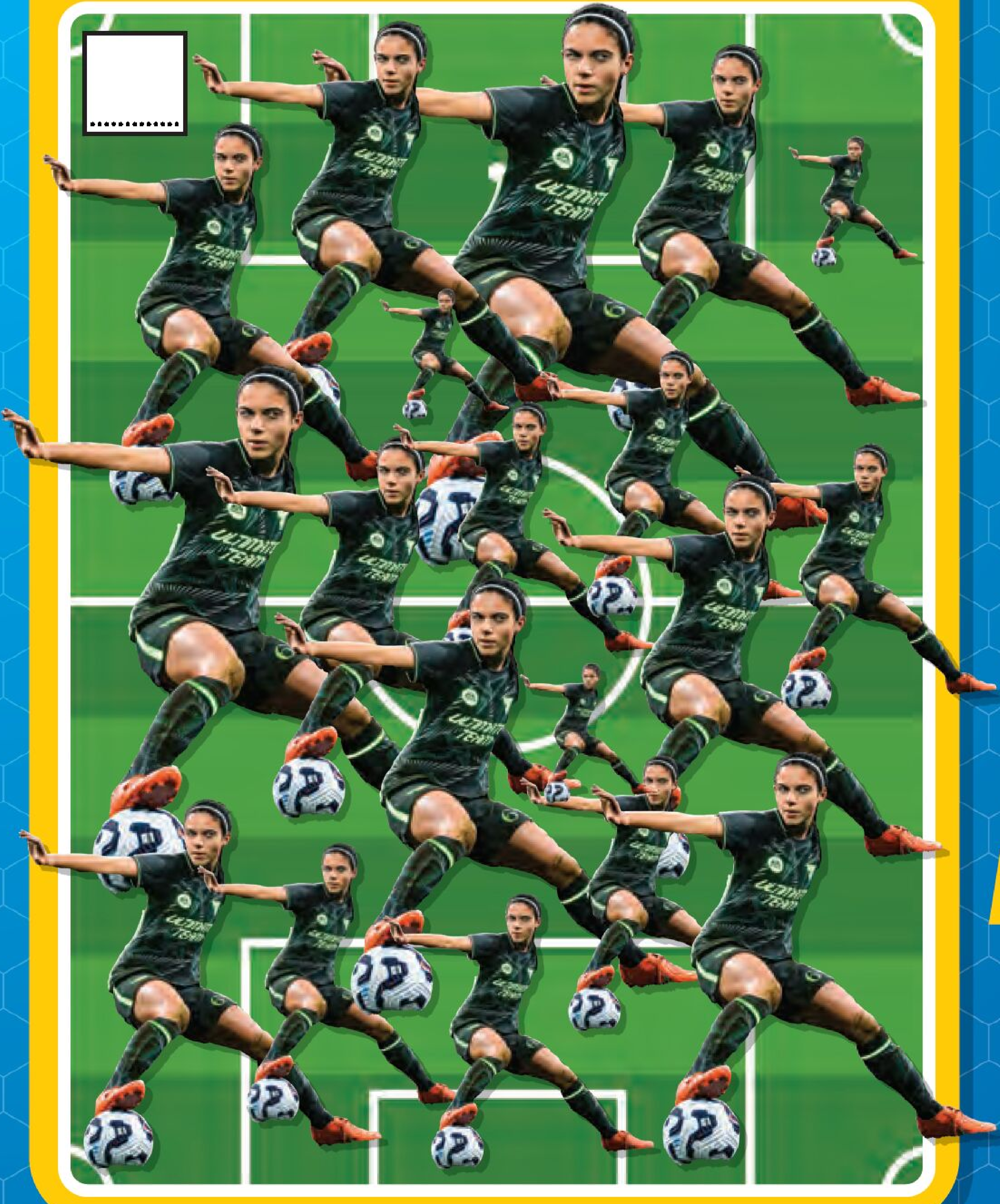
MATCH MIX UP

Can you fix this footy scene?



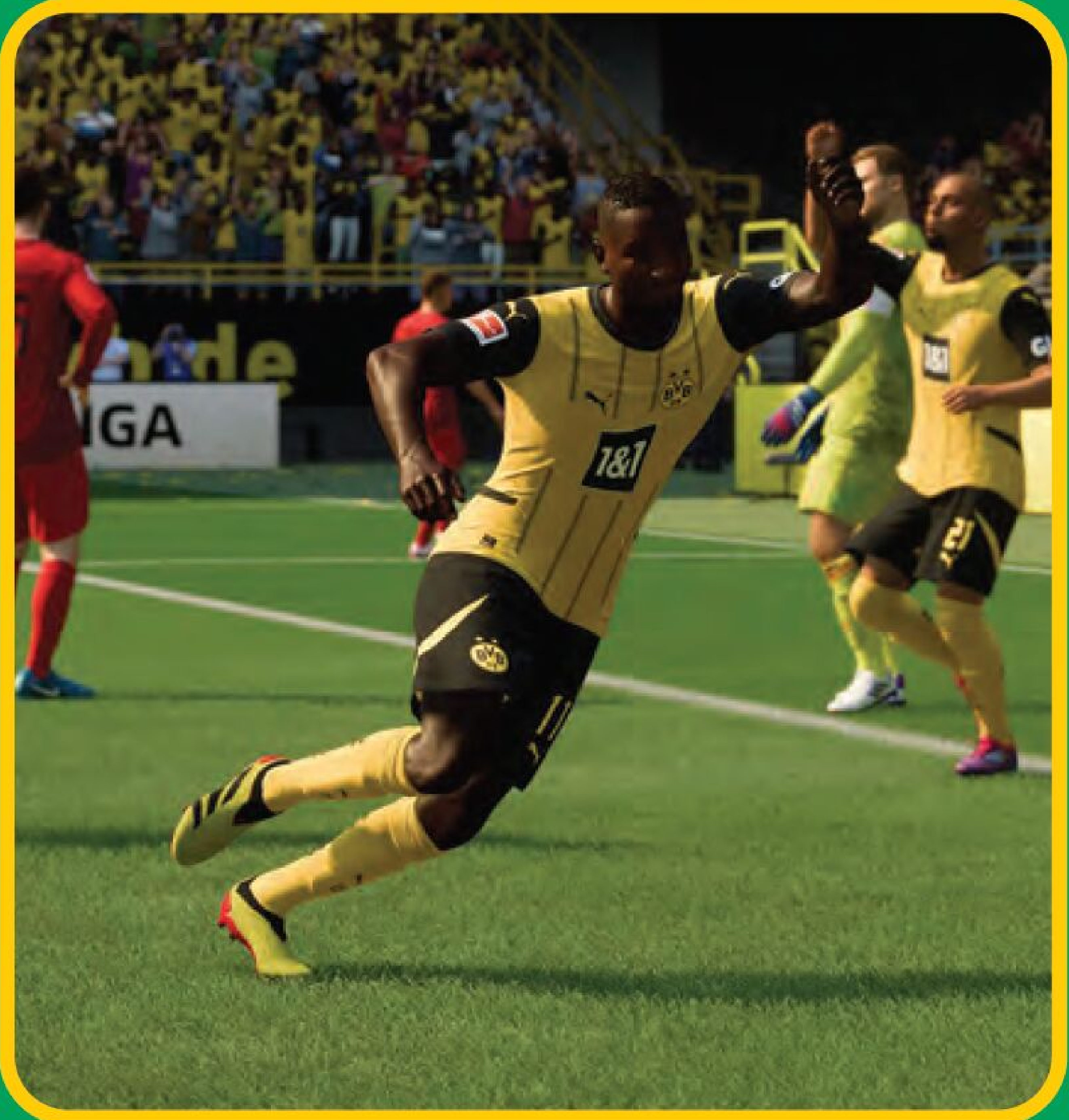
BUSY BOOTS

How many times can you count Barcelona superstar **Bonmatí** on the pitch?



GOAL GETTERS

Which team is celebrating a goal here?



☐ Borussia Dortmund ☐ Villarreal
☐ Paris Saint-Germain ☐ Juventus

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ANSWERS:

WARPED WONDERS
1) Kane 2) Maguire
3) Salah 4) De Bruyne
5) Havertz

FACT OR FIB
A) True B) True C) False
D) False E) False F) True

MATCH MIX UP
1) A, 2) D, 3) B, 4) C

BUSY BOOTS
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GOAL GETTERS
Borussia Dortmund

FC25 PERFECT PLAYLIST

Spotify

Tick your favourite tunes!

MATCH BUILD UP

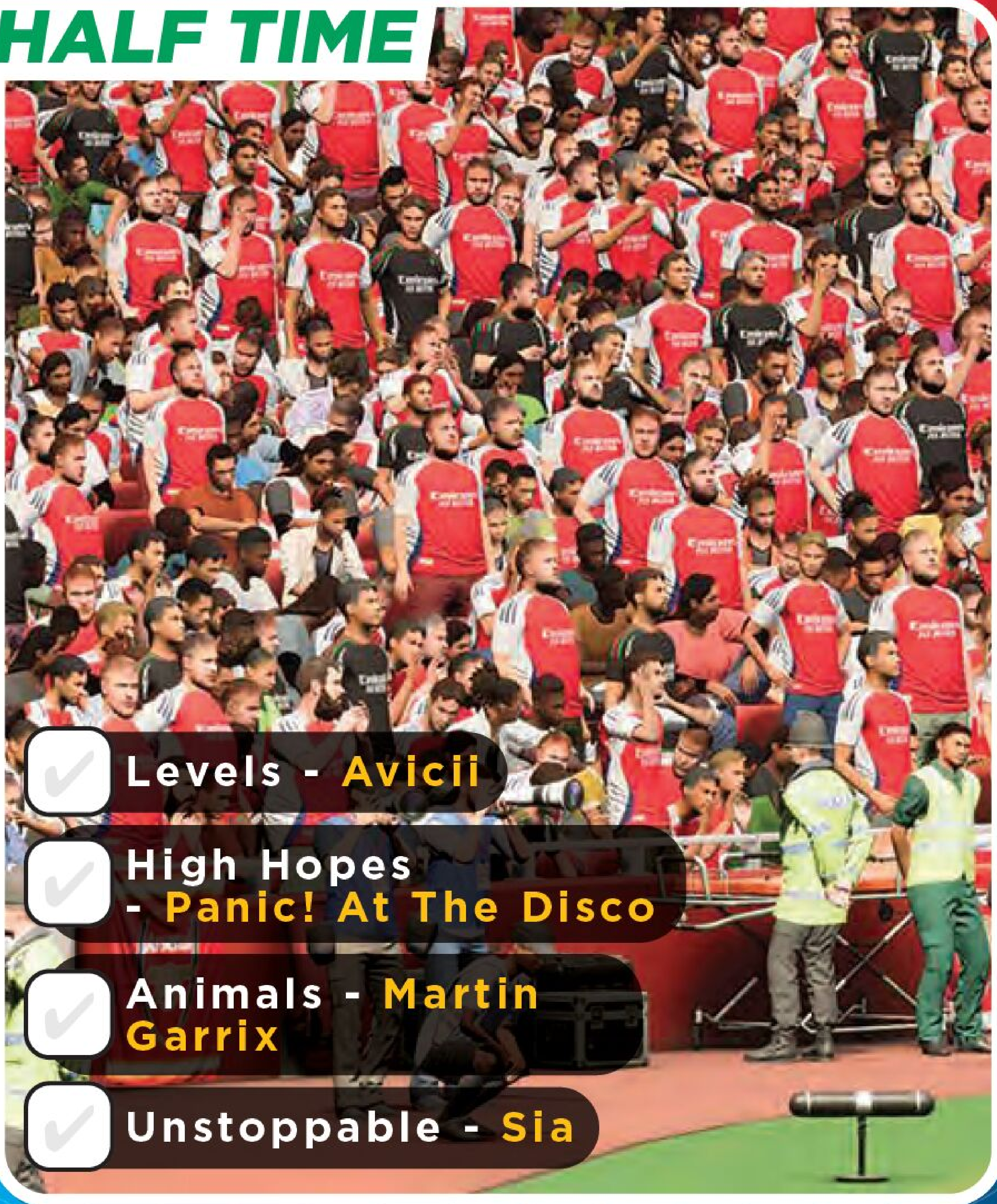
☐ Thunderstruck - **AC/DC**

☐ Can't Hold Us - **Macklemore** and **Ryan Lewis**

☐ Seven Nation Army - **The White Stripes**

☐ I'm Good (Blue) - **David Guetta** and **Bebe Rexha**

HALF TIME



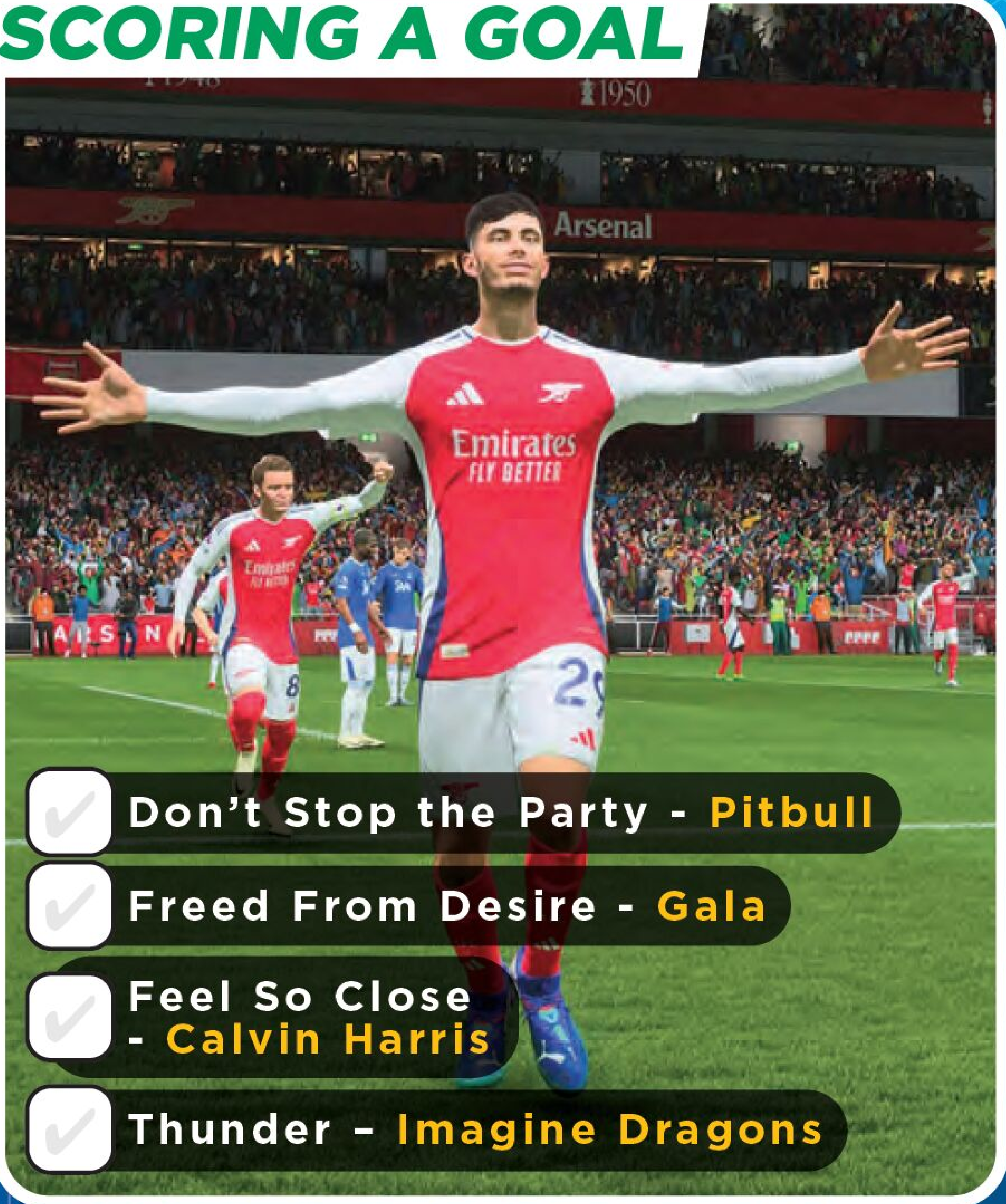
☐ Levels - **Avicii**

☐ High Hopes - **Panic! At The Disco**

☐ Animals - **Martin Garrix**

☐ Unstoppable - **Sia**

SCORING A GOAL



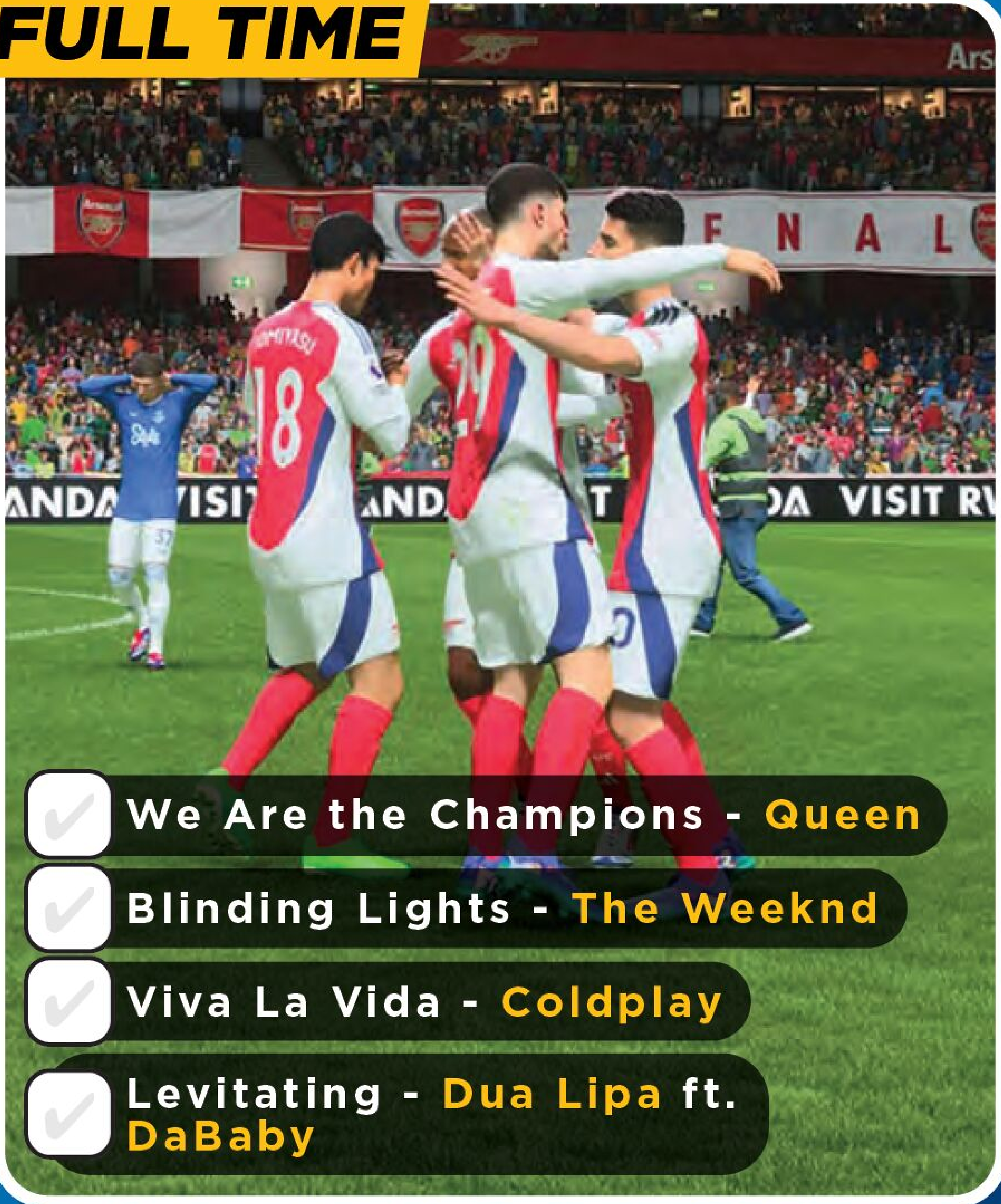
☐ Don't Stop the Party - **Pitbull**

☐ Freed From Desire - **Gala**

☐ Feel So Close - **Calvin Harris**

☐ Thunder – **Imagine Dragons**

FULL TIME



☐ We Are the Champions - **Queen**

☐ Blinding Lights - **The Weeknd**

☐ Viva La Vida - **Coldplay**

☐ Levitating - **Dua Lipa** ft. **DaBaby**

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POWER PROFILE!

CRISTIANO RONALDO

POWER UP!

Considered the best of his generation with exceptional finishing ability, **CR7** was the first-ever men's player to score an incredible 900 career goals in officially sanctioned matches!

DAMAGE ALERT!

On occasion, **Ronaldo** has been criticised for not always being a team player and has sometimes been known to exaggerate a foul when tackled. Oops!

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Ronaldo** is the recipient of an impressive five Ballon d'Or awards!
- Despite being famous as a forward, **Ronaldo** started out as a right-winger!
- **Cristiano** helped Portugal pick up their first major international title at the 2016 Euros!
- **Ronaldo's** iconic goal celebration, 'siu', is actually Portuguese for 'yes'!

STATS:

BORN: 05/02/1985

AGE: 39

POSITION: FORWARD

CLUBS: SPORTING CP, MAN UTD, REAL MADRID, JUVENTUS, MAN UTD, AL NASSR

CLUB APPEARANCES: 1033

GOALS: 776

NATIONAL TEAM: PORTUGAL

INT CAPS: 215

INT GOALS: 135

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RONALDO BY NUMBERS!

We've crunched the stats so that you don't have to!

7

Ronaldo's iconic shirt number!

1985

The year Ronaldo was born!

5

Cristiano's played for five different clubs!

183

Ronaldo's record-breaking number of Champions League appearances!

215

International caps for Portugal, making him the most capped player of all time!

911

Total number of career goals in official matches!

33

■ Career trophies!

2003

■ The year he first signed for Manchester United (before a short return in 2021)!

■ European Golden Boots won!

4

647,000,000

■ Ronaldo's Instagram followers!

1248+

■ Number of official match appearances – the most for an outfield player EVER!

■ The winning score in the Euro 2016 final (Portugal vs France)

1-0

450

■ Goals scored for Real Madrid – a club record!

€100,000,000

■ Ronaldo's transfer fee going from Real Madrid to Juventus - the most expensive transfer for an Italian club... EVER!

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SUPERSTARS VERSUS LEGENDS

YOU DECIDE!

Who would you rather have in your team from these match-ups? Now's your chance to put your football knowledge to the test and compile your ultimate squad!

BECKER VS. BUFFON

WINNER:

SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

OBLAK VS. ČECH

WINNER:

SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

ALEXANDER-ARNOLD VS. CAFU

WINNER:

SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

HERNÁNDEZ VS. EVRA

WINNER:

SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

VAN DIJK VS. STAM

WINNER:

SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

RÜDIGER VS. MALDINI

WINNER:

SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

SALIBA VS. FERDINAND

WINNER:

SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

YAMAL
VS.
FIGO

WINNER:
SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

GREALISH
VS.
BALE

WINNER:
SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

GAVI
VS.
TOURÉ

WINNER:
SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

BELLINGHAM
VS.
ZIDANE

WINNER:
SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

MAINOO
VS.
KEANE

WINNER:
SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

HAALAND
VS.
IBRAHIMOVIĆ

WINNER:
SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

MBAPPÉ
VS.
HENRY

WINNER:
SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

VINÍCIUS
VS.
RONALDO

WINNER:
SUPERSTAR ☐ LEGEND ☐

NOW ADD UP ALL YOUR SCORES TO SEE WHAT YOUR TEAM IS MADE OF!

HAVE YOU PACKED IT FULL OF CURRENT SUPERSTARS OR FAVOURED LEGENDS OF THE GAME?

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110% PROTOTYPE - VINICIUS JUNIOR

POWER PROFILE!

VINICIUS JUNIOR

DAMAGE ALERT!

Even though he's fast and agile, it can sometimes be a struggle for him when faced with tight marking and physical defenders to make his usual impact in a match!

POWER UP!

It's no secret that Vini is excellent at dribbling, but he's also a versatile player. While he mainly plays as a left winger, he's shown that he's more than capable of playing on both wings!

DID YOU KNOW?

- As a child he started out playing futsal and he says this is one of the reasons why he is so skilled at dribbling!
- Football isn't the only sport Vini is interested in, he's also a massive basketball fan!
- He started The Vini Jr. Institute, which gives disadvantaged children in Brazil the chance to get an education and learn new skills, including football!
- He looks up to Neymar and he got the chance to play alongside his football idol when joining the Brazilian national team – that sounds like a dream come true!

STATS:

BORN: 12/07/2000
AGE: 24
POSITION: LEFT WINGER
CLUBS: FLAMENGO, REAL MADRID
CLUB APPEARANCES: 287
GOALS: 97
NATIONAL TEAM: BRAZIL
INT CAPS: 37
INT GOALS: 5

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DESIGN A TEAM BADGE

Every football team needs a badge! Create one for your very own dream team!

WHAT'S YOUR TEAM'S NAME?

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WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR DRAWING, DON'T FORGET TO ADD A SPLASH OF COLOUR!

WHICH LEAGUE DO THEY PLAY IN?

☐ PREMIER LEAGUE
☐ LA LIGA
☐ BUNDESLIGA
☐ OTHER

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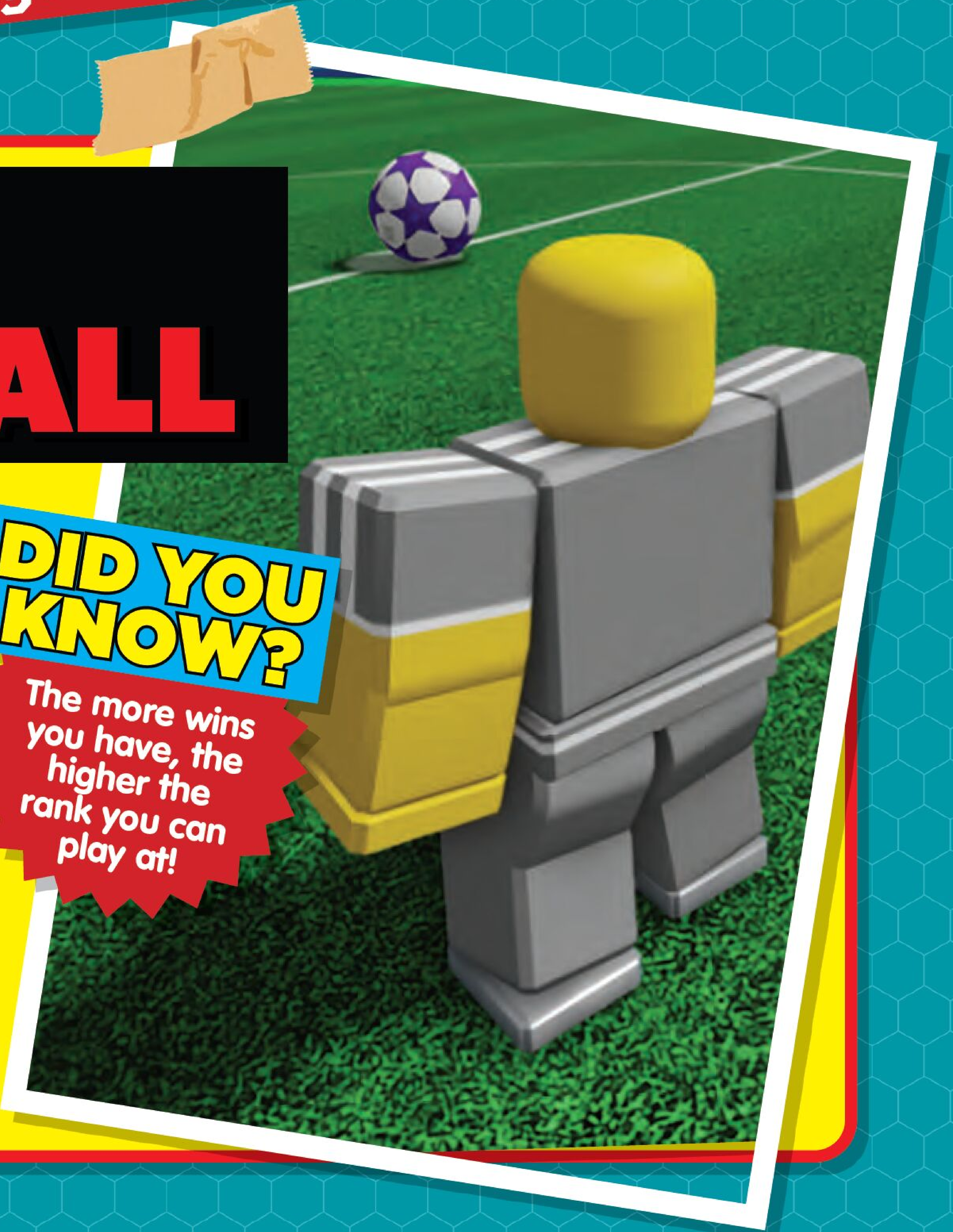
ROBLOX SOCCER STARS

These football games are top of the **Blox**!

TOUCH FOOTBALL

⚽ Whether you just want a fun kickabout with mates, or if you want to go for gold in the Elite Clan League, there's plenty of footy fun to be had in **Touch Football**! The controls might be simple to learn, but they're hard to master so you'll need to get training if you wanna be a pro!



DID YOU KNOW?

The more wins you have, the higher the rank you can play at!

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TPS: STREET SOCCER

⚽ Show off your soccer skills in style but watch out – this is no ordinary game of football! With knockouts, power shots and even superpowers, TPS: Street Soccer will put your tekkers to the test like never before.

SUPER STRIKER LEAGUE

⚽ It's time to take football to the extreme! In Super Striker League, there are epic items to unlock and upgrade, power-ups to master, and special abilities to show off, meaning there's never a dull moment – GOOOAAALLL!

WHICH ROBLOX FOOTY GAME IS YOUR FAVE?

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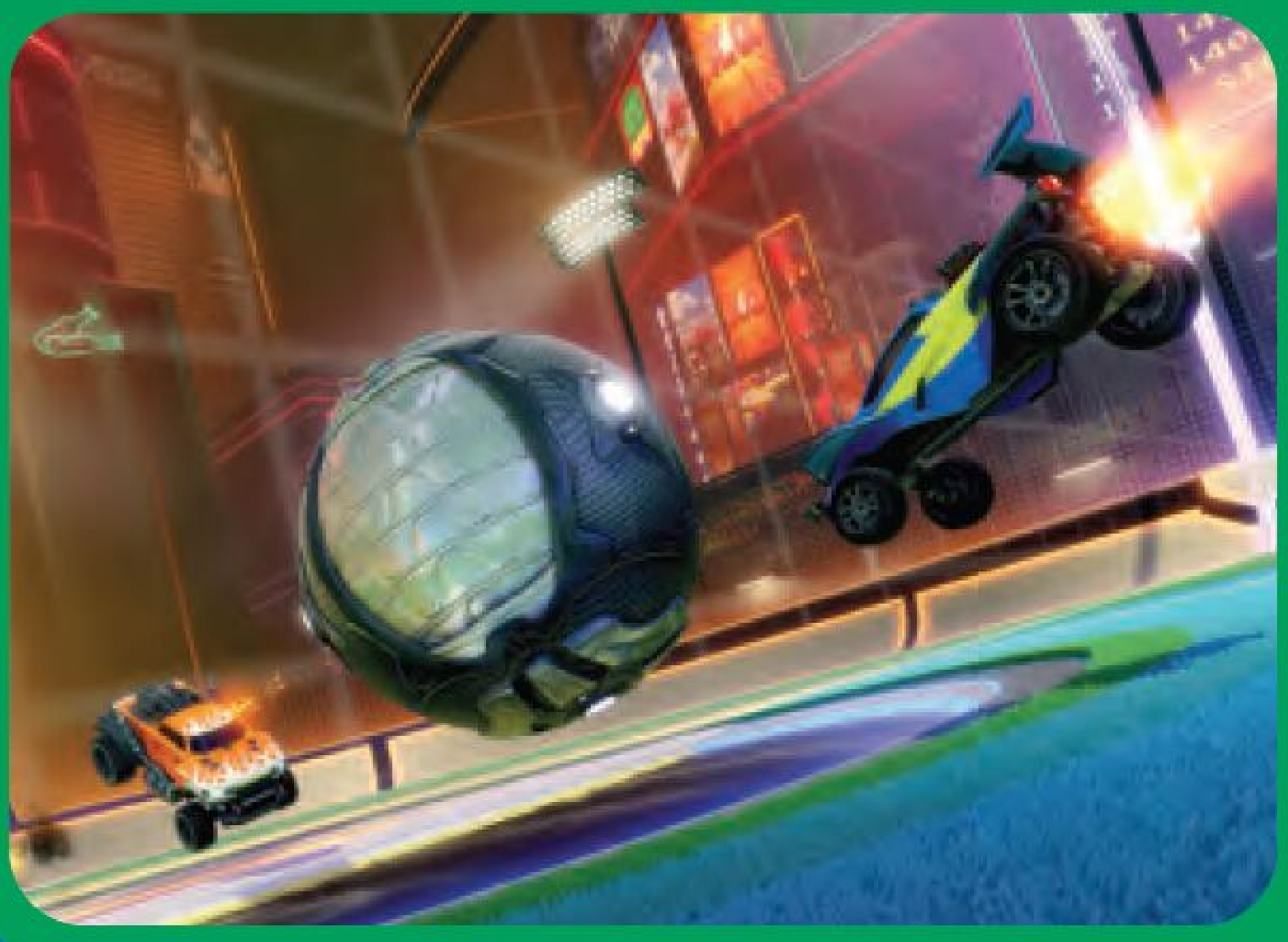
THE RUNDOWN ON

ROCKET LEAGUE

■ Everything you need to know about this epic game!

POWER UP YOUR ENGINES

■ The aim of the game is simple – score goals with giant footballs with rocket-powered cars! Starting on the opposite end of the field from the opposing team, you'll race down the pitch to be the first to the ball. Like regular football, the team with the most goals win.



DID YOU KNOW?

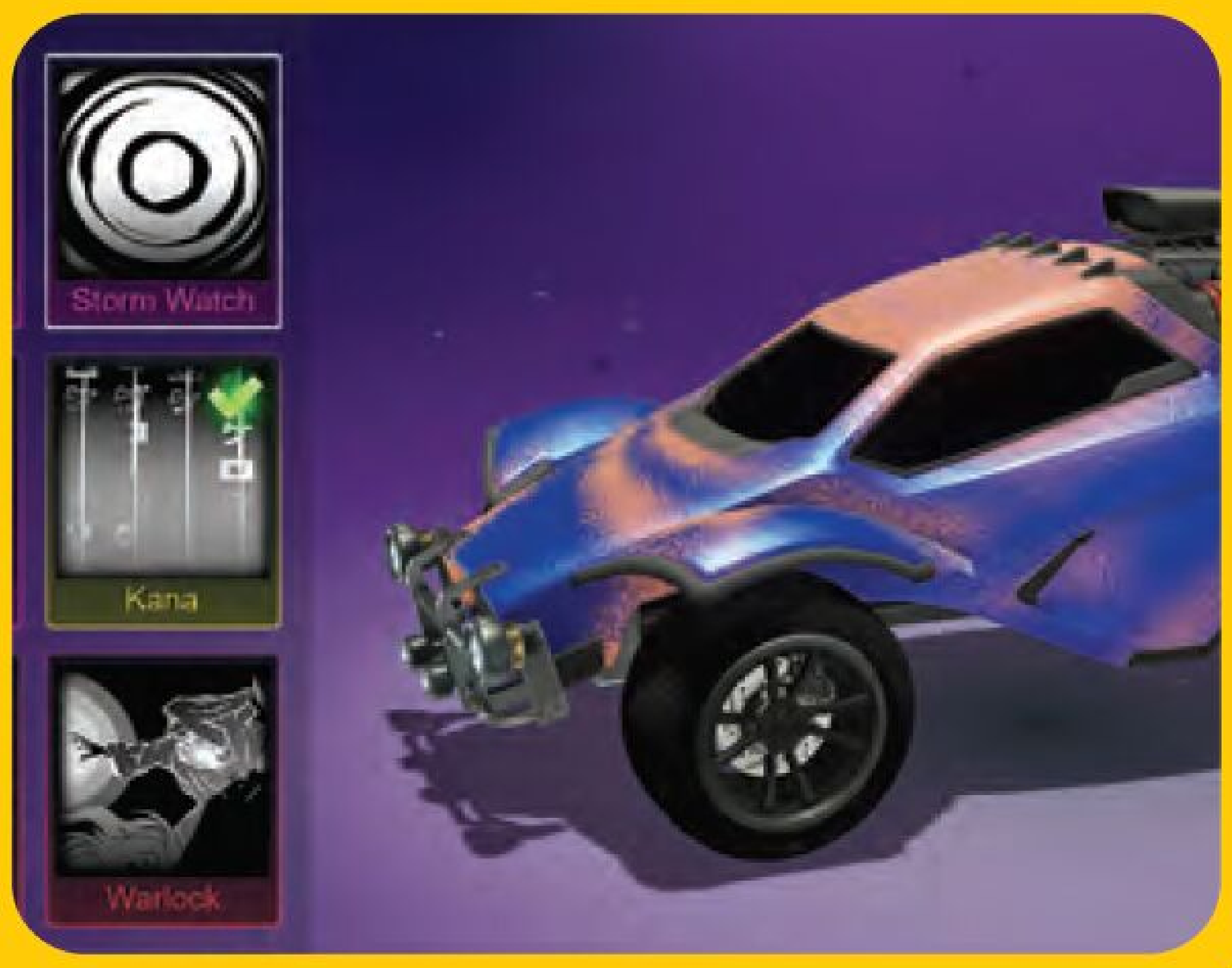
In its first month alone, Rocket League was downloaded over 6 million times!

TOP TIP!

Instead of ball chasing, prioritise smart positioning. This will make the gameplay feel less chaotic and it gives your defence less pressure!

COOL CUSTOMISATION

■ You'll choose your vehicle before each game and there are loads of customisation options. Stand out and give your car a unique look with various decals, boosts, antennas and more!

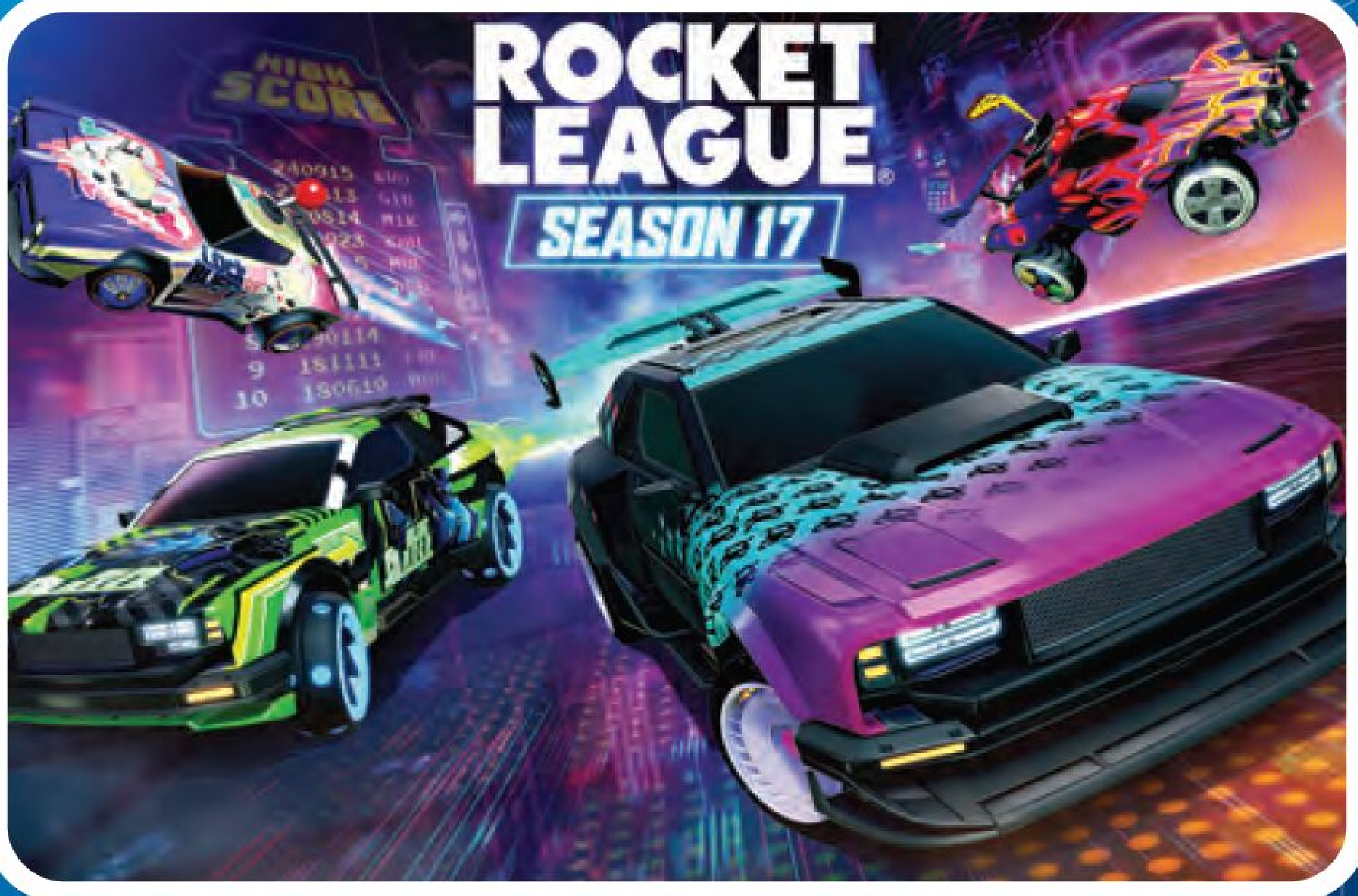


AWESOME ESPORTS

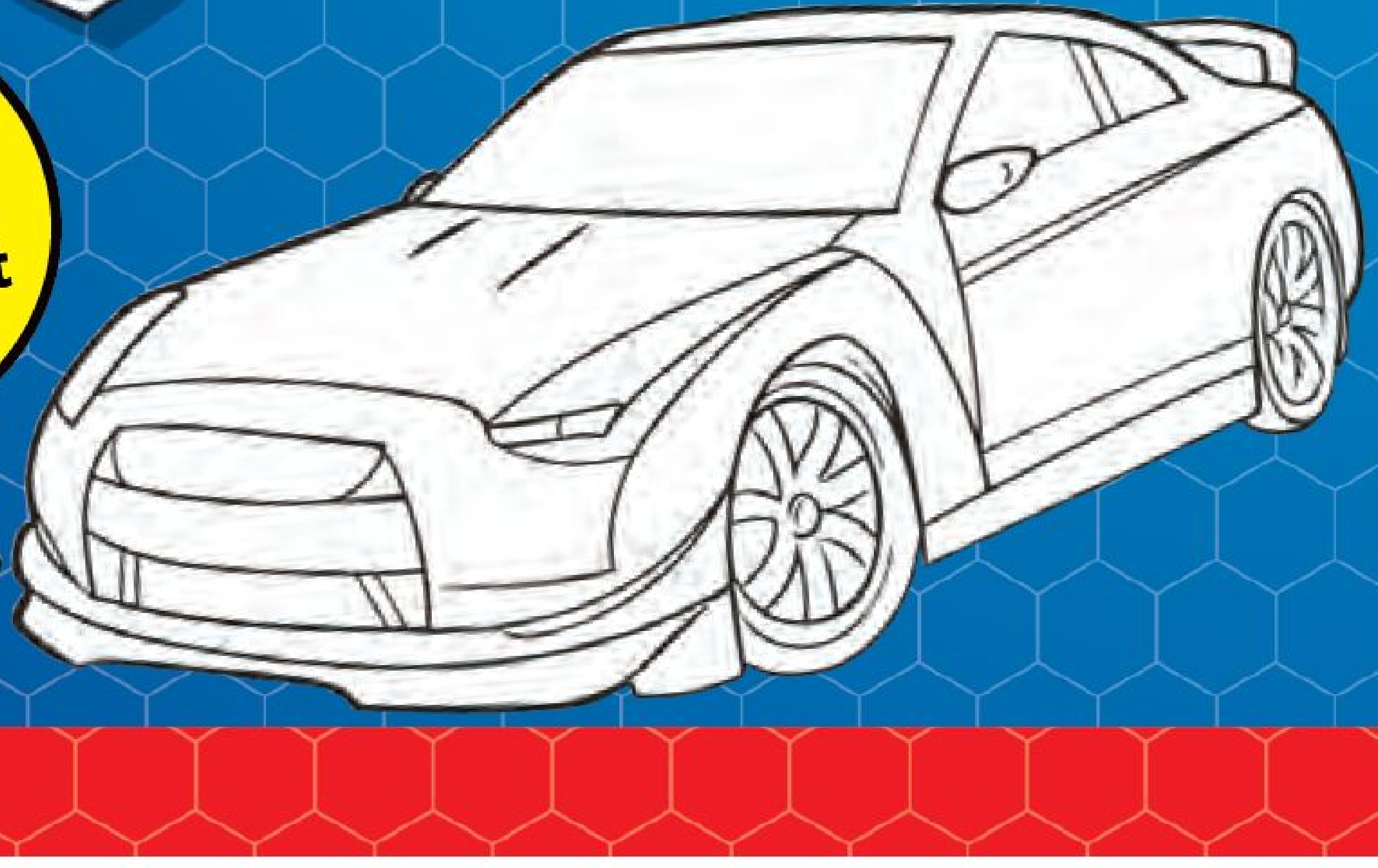
■ Teams from all over the world set their sights on becoming World Champions in the Rocket League Championship Series every year! To get to this stage, teams must prove themselves through qualifiers, tournaments and regular seasons in their local regions.

SUPER SEASONS

■ Each new season keeps Rocket League fresh and engaging with bug fixes, major content updates and new cosmetics. Whether you're a competitive or casual player, there's something for everyone!



Add some colour to this sweet ride!



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POWER PROFILE!

LIONEL MESSI

POWER UP!

Widely regarded one of the greatest of all time, Messi has won a whopping eight Ballon d'Or awards, as well as being crowned World's Best Player by FIFA eight times, too!

DAMAGE ALERT!

Despite being one of the best players in the world, Messi doesn't have the strongest defensive game and struggles in the air. No headers for Lionel!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Although he was born in Argentina, Messi holds dual citizenship so could have played national football for Spain!
- He's an Olympic gold medallist after competing for Argentina in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games!
- Leo's exceptional agility is often credited to his short height, earning him the nickname 'The Atomic Flea'!
- In addition to winning many club trophies, Messi picked up one of the biggest prizes of them all when he helped lead Argentina to victory at the 2022 World Cup!

STATS:

BORN: 24/06/1987
AGE: 37
POSITION: FORWARD
CLUBS: BARCELONA, PSG, INTER MIAMI
CLUB APPEARANCES: 914
GOALS: 744
NATIONAL TEAM: ARGENTINA
INT CAPS: 191
INT GOALS: 122

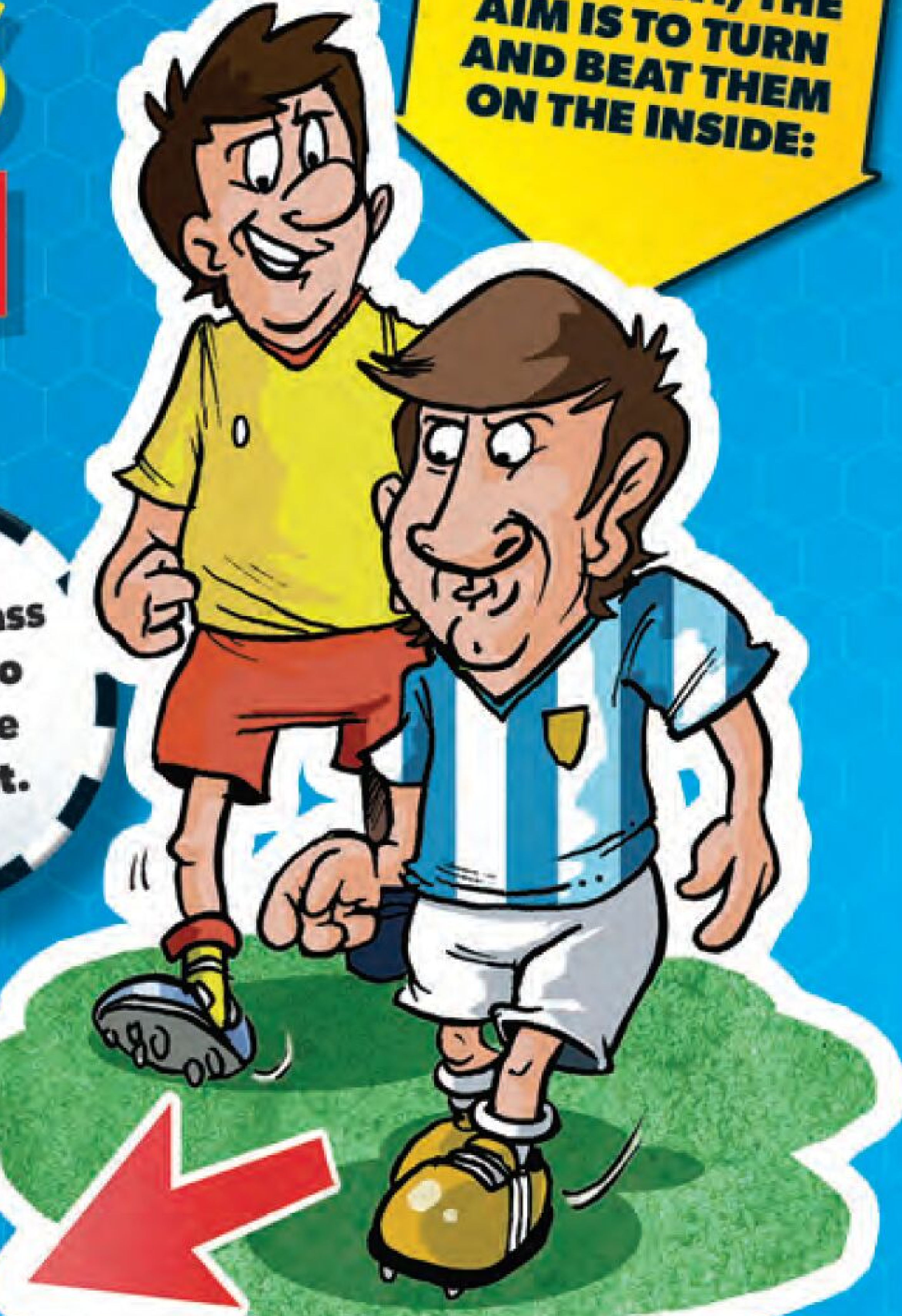
Pics: Shutterstock (1) Stats correct at time of print

MESSI MASTERCLASS

DON'T BE MESSY, PLAY LIKE MESSI!

LIONEL MESSI IS ONE OF THE ALL-TIME GOATS! HERE'S A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE THAT'LL HELP YOU LEAVE YOUR OPPONENT IN THE DUST NEXT TIME YOU'RE HAVING A KICKABOUT – **MESSI** STYLE!

WHEN BEING CLOSELY MARKED BY YOUR OPPONENT, THE AIM IS TO TURN AND BEAT THEM ON THE INSIDE:



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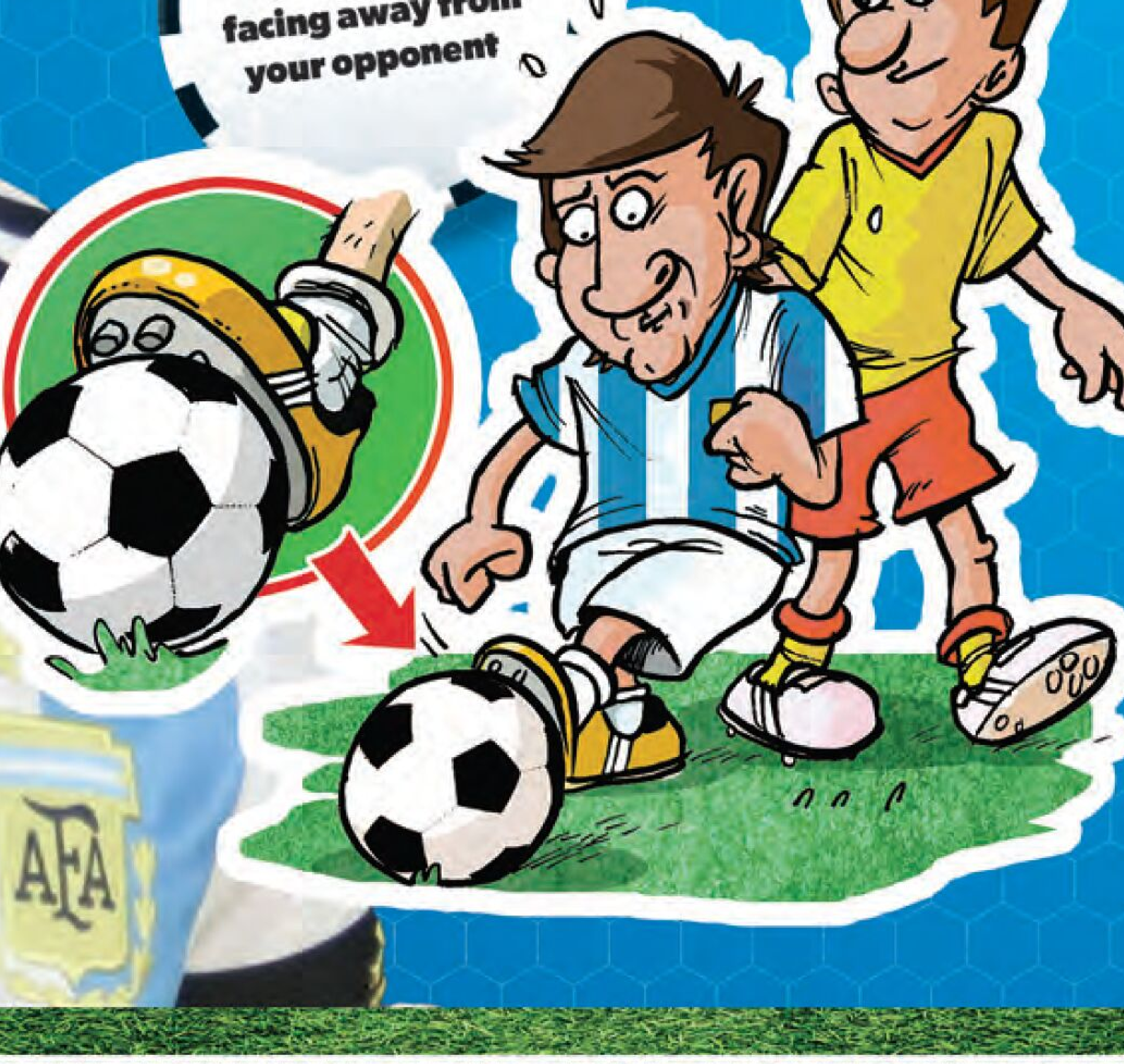
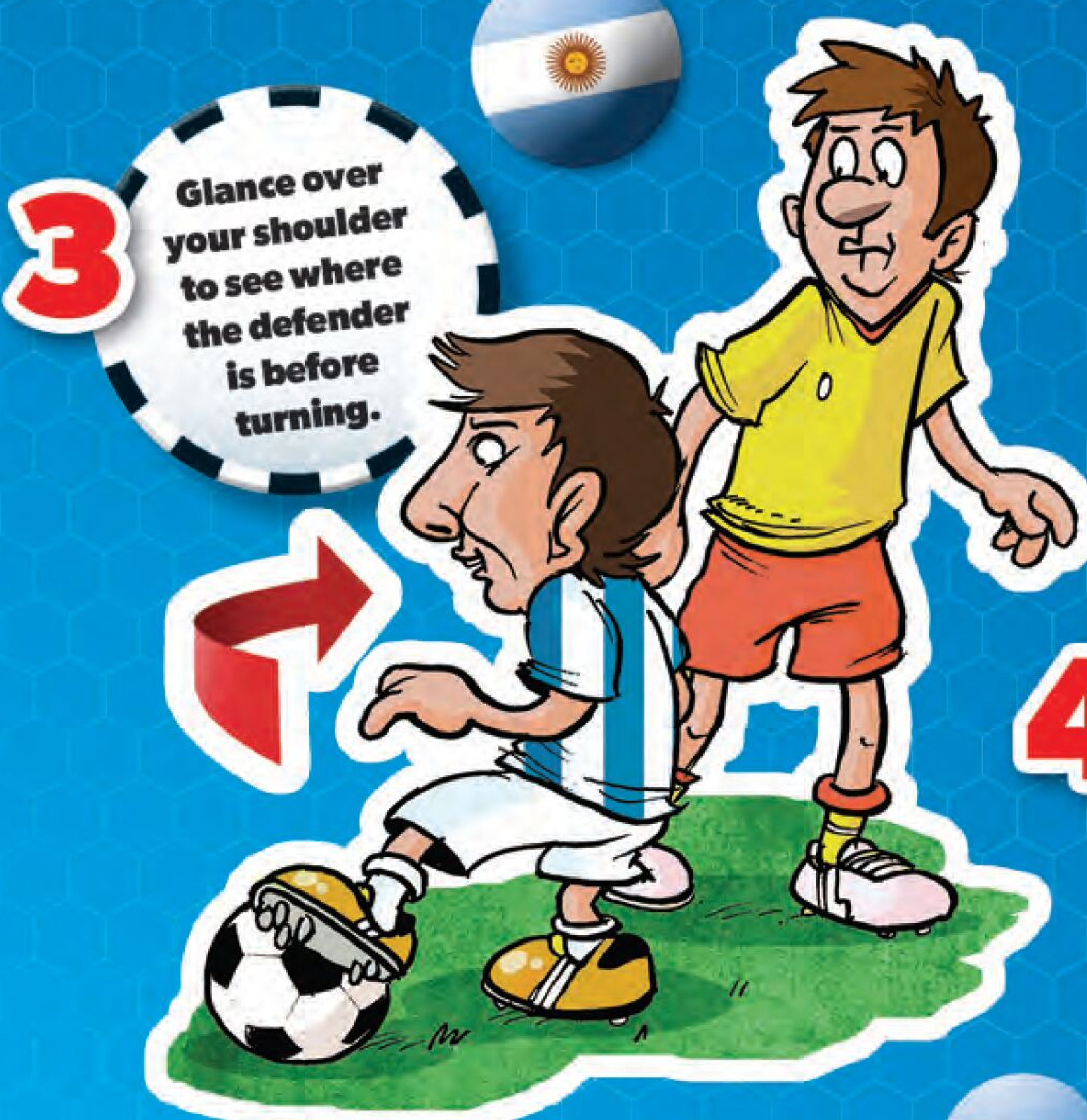


2 Control the ball when you are facing away from your opponent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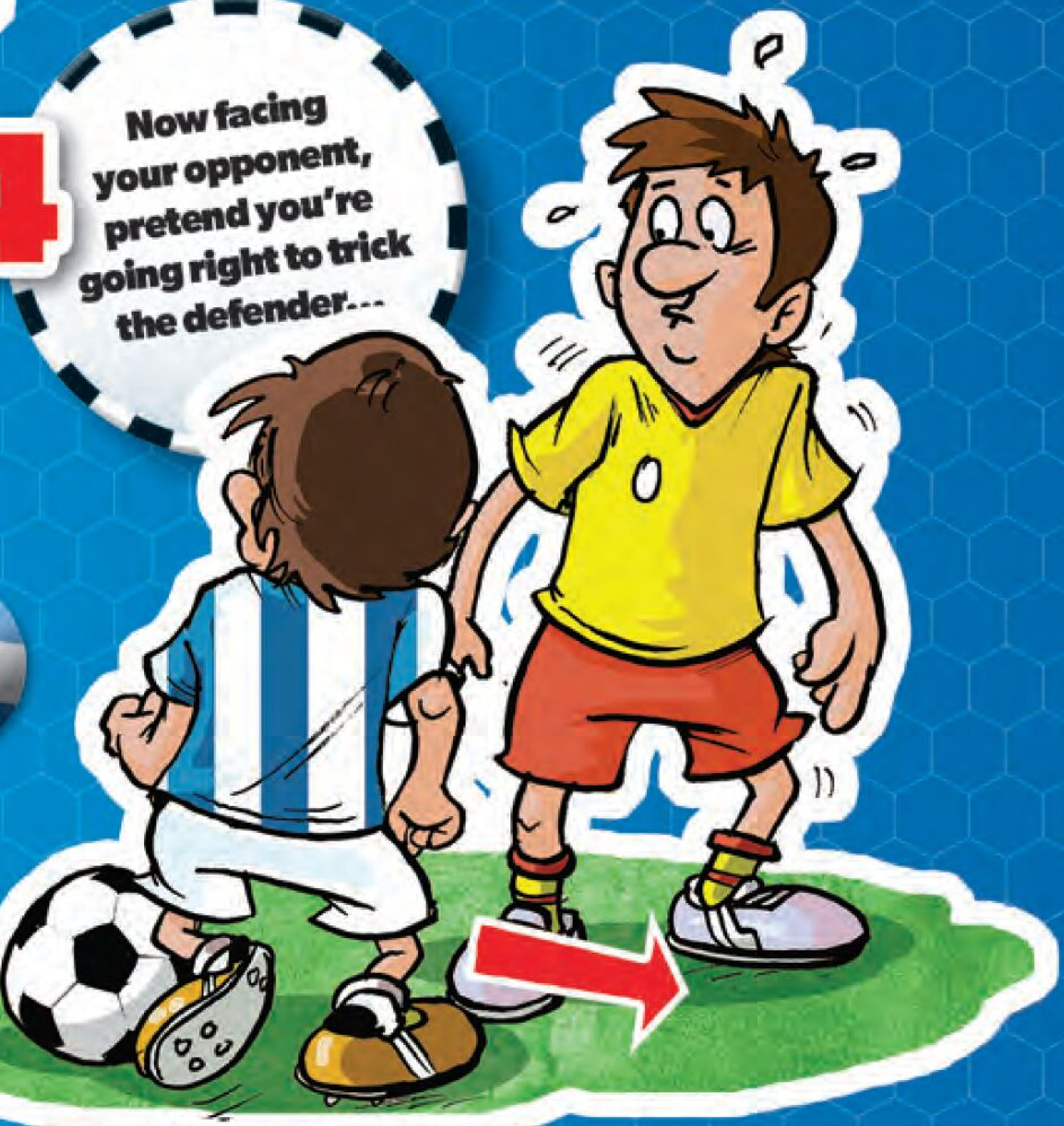
Glance over your shoulder to see where the defender is before turning.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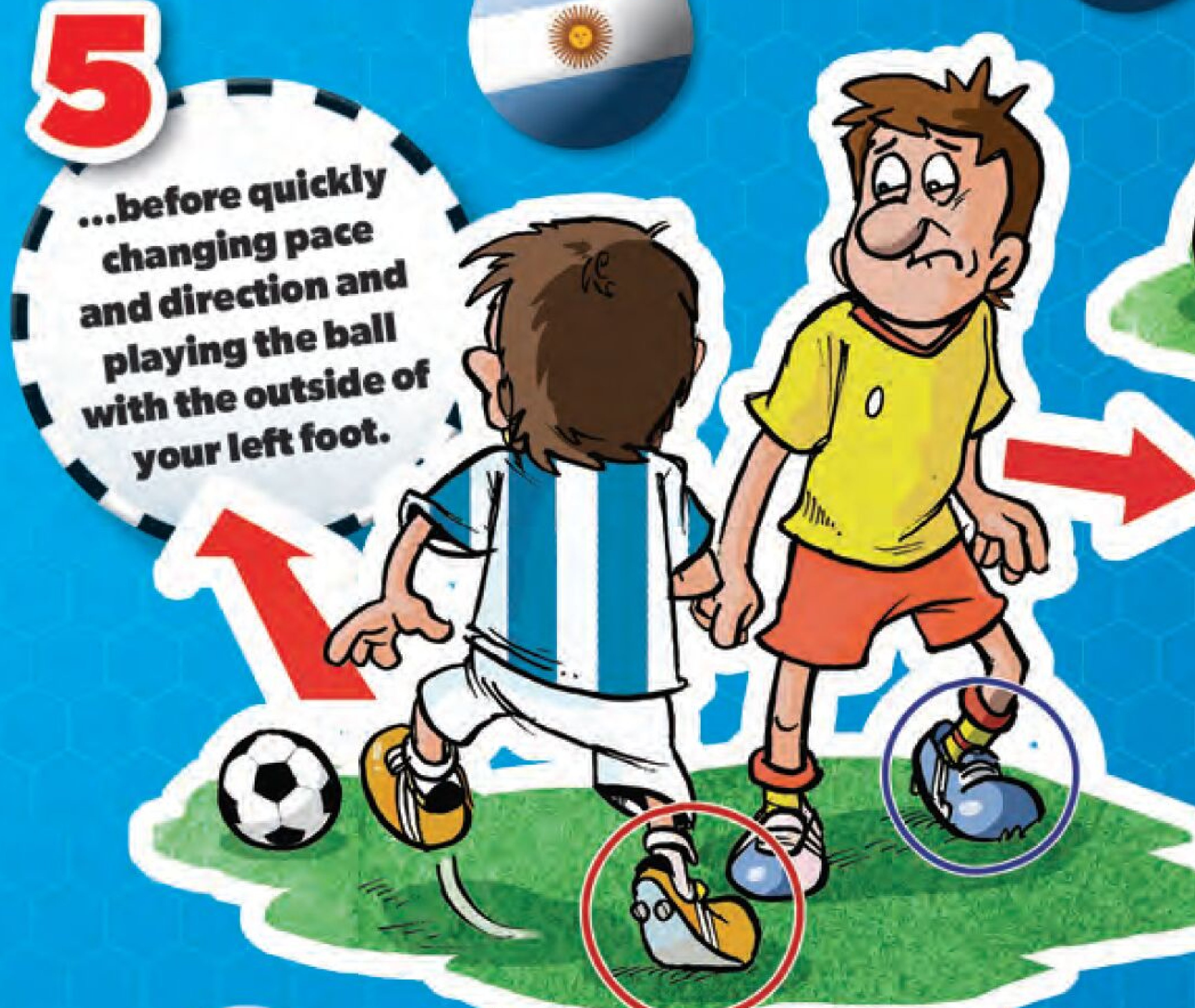
Now facing your opponent, pretend you're going right to trick the defender...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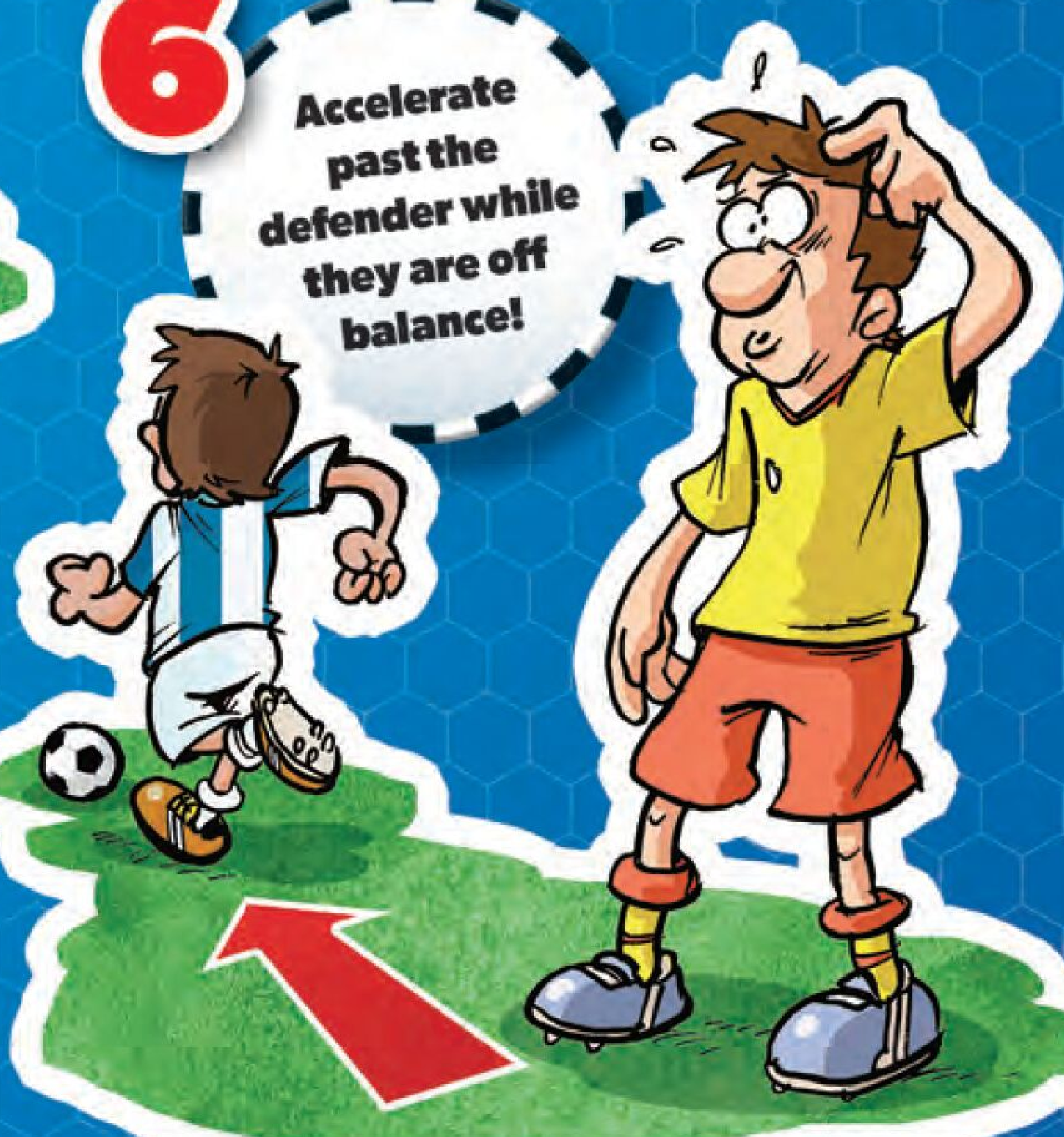
...before quickly changing pace and direction and playing the ball with the outside of your left foot.


6
Accelerate past the defender while they are off balance!

REMEMBER IT TAKES PRACTICE - SPEND TIME WITH THE BALL EVERY DAY WEAVING IN AND OUT OF CONES OR IMAGINARY DEFENDERS AND DON'T GIVE UP! GOOD LUCK!

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A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO FOOTBALL MANAGER

Are you new to the legendary **Football Manager** game? Well, everyone has to start sometime, right? We've got you covered here with tips to keep in mind and give you the best chance of success...

CHOOSE CAREFULLY

CAREER GAME SETUP

First things first, you'll have to decide on what team you want to manage. You could take a team from the lower leagues all the way to the top. However, beware – this will be difficult as you'll have a smaller budget and will need to have a strong eye for a bargain.

Or you could jump straight into managing a top team like Real Madrid or Liverpool with better players, scouting and a bigger transfer budget. Patience may be in shorter supply here, though, and if you get off to a bad start you could find yourself quickly out of a job!

STICK TO WHAT YOU KNOW

There are so many leagues from around the world that you can decide to manage in. However, what do you know about the Japanese J1 League or the Superliga in Denmark? If your knowledge of players and teams in these leagues isn't great, it's going to make your job of getting results more difficult.

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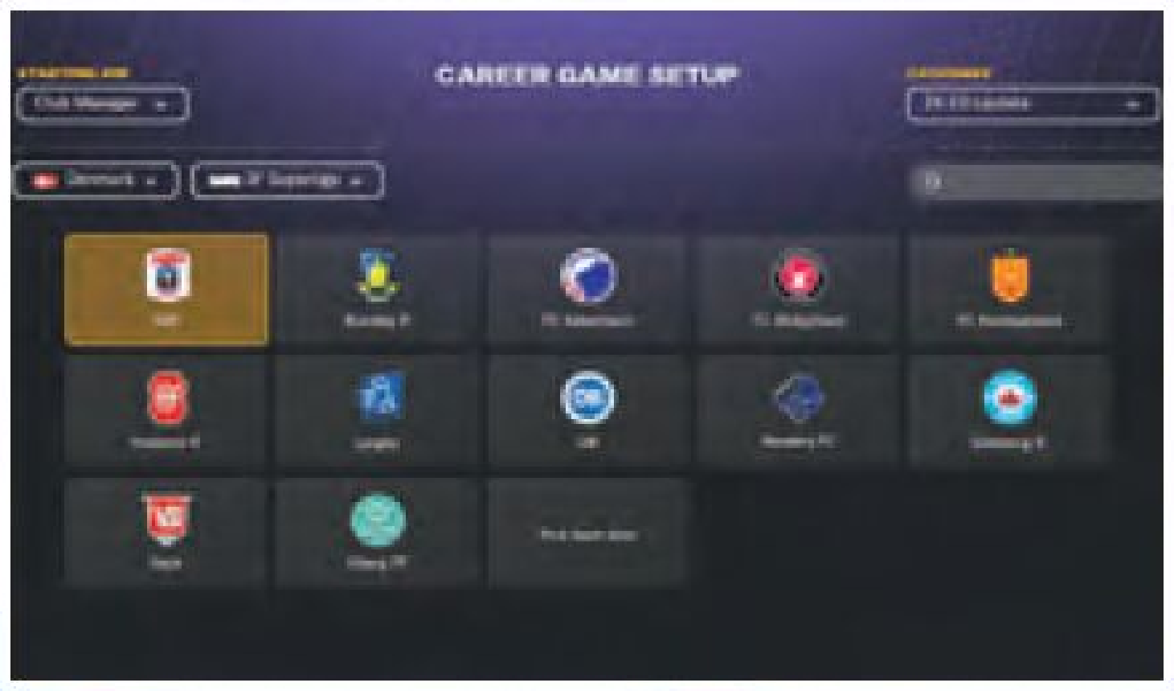
EUROPA LEAGUE
EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE
SUPERCUP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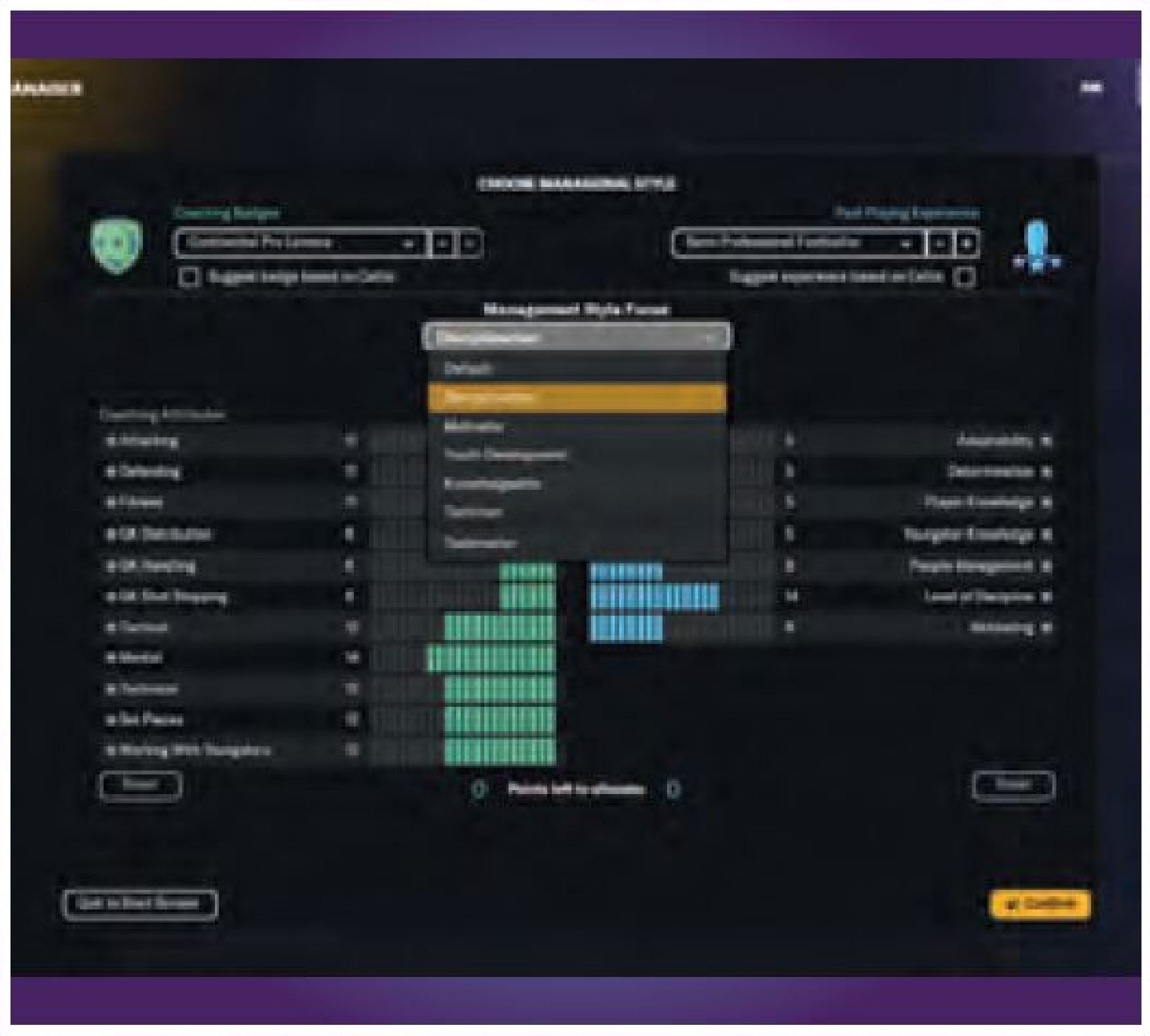
CAREER GAME SETUP

CHOOSE YOUR STYLE

After you've chosen your team, you'll have to decide on what your coaching style is. Coaching styles available are default, disciplinary, motivator, youth development, knowledgeable, tactician, and taskmaster. Do you want to be a tactician like **Pep** or a **Diego Simeone**-type with a strong disciplined approach?

CHOOSE MANAGERIAL STYLE
Management Style Focus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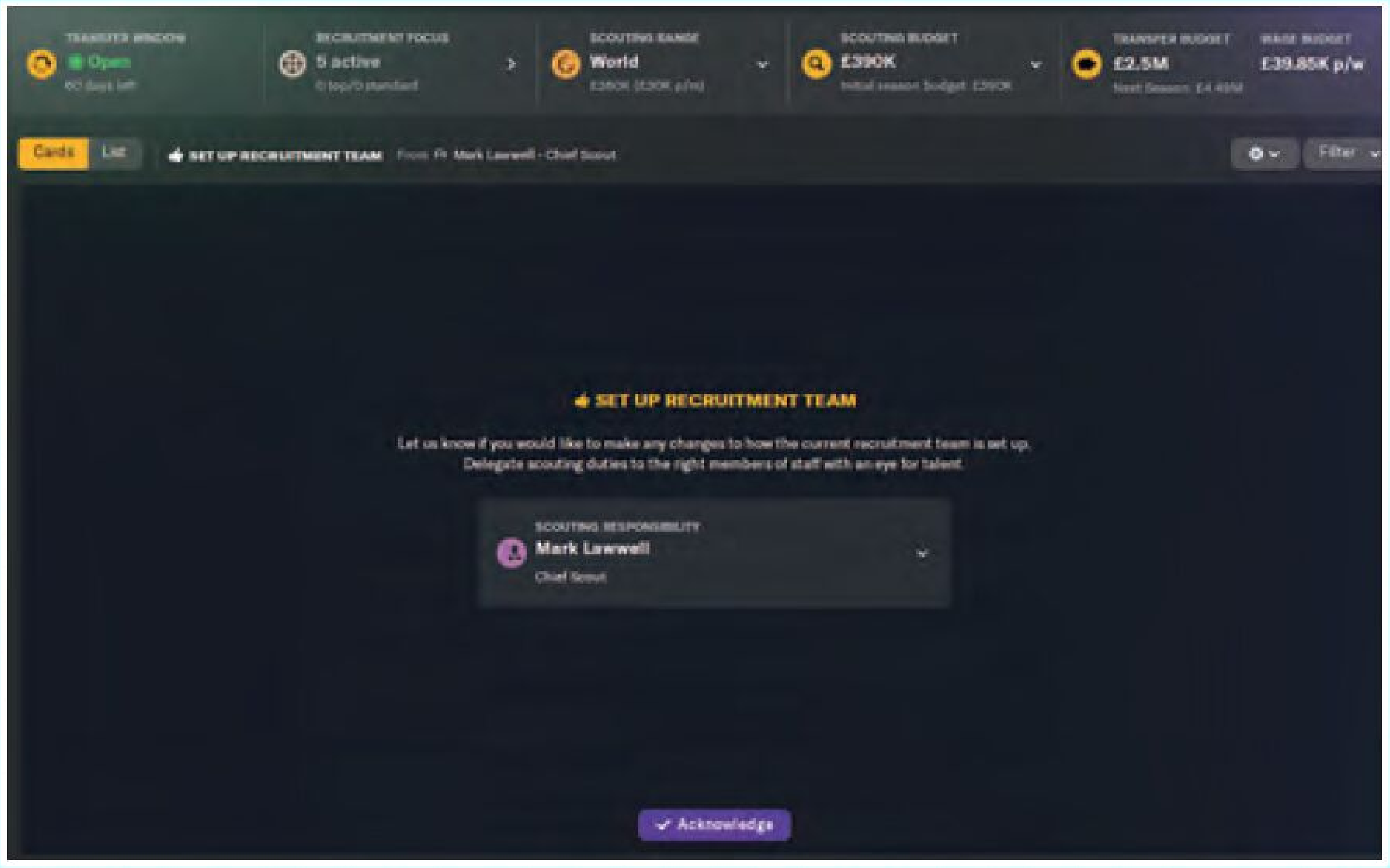
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SET UP RECRUITMENT TEAM

Let us know if you would like to make any changes to how the current recruitment team is set up. Delegate scouting duties to the right members of staff with an eye for talent.

SCOUTING RESPONSIBILITY
Mark Lawwell
Chief Scout

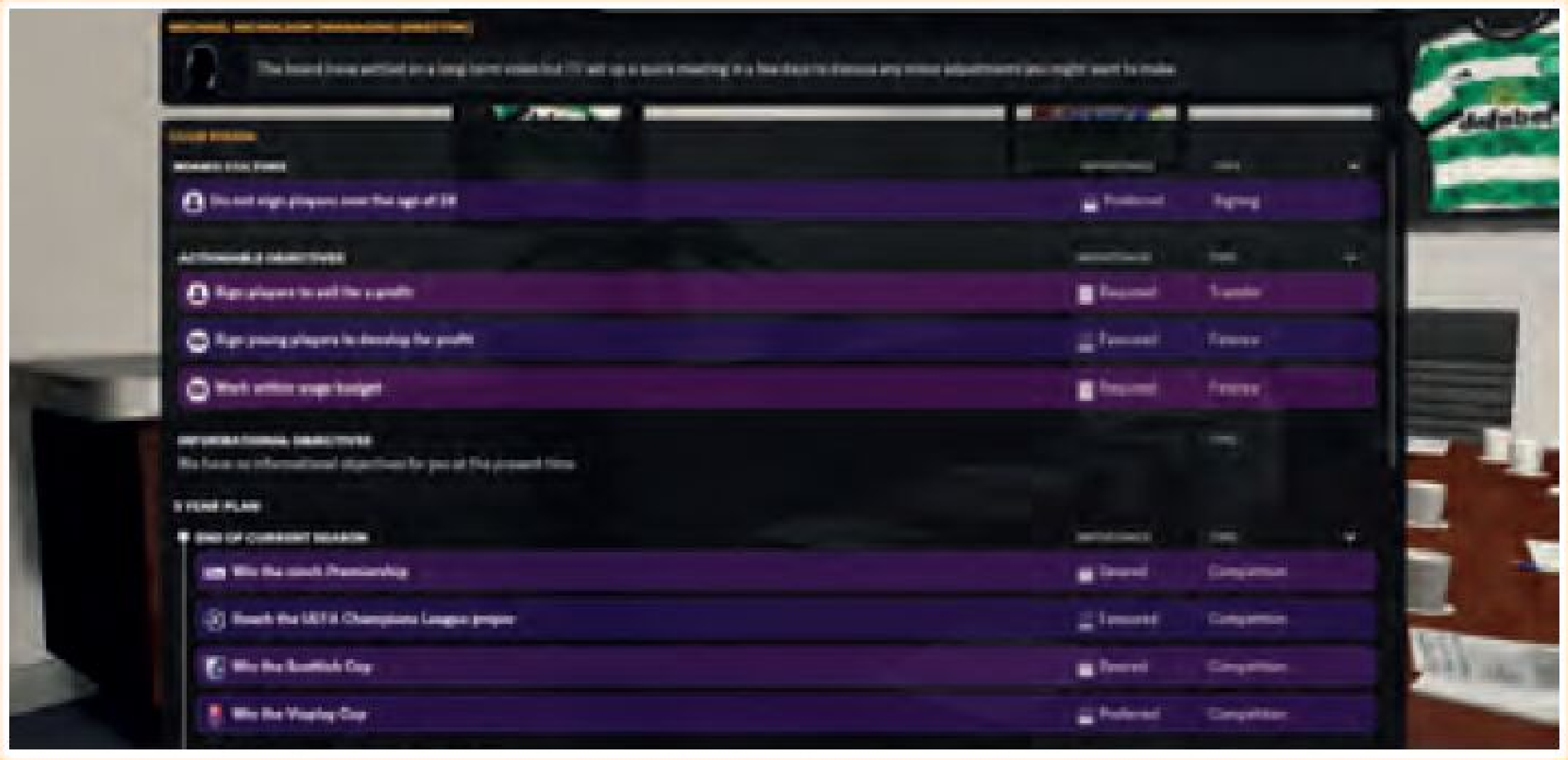
✓ Acknowledge

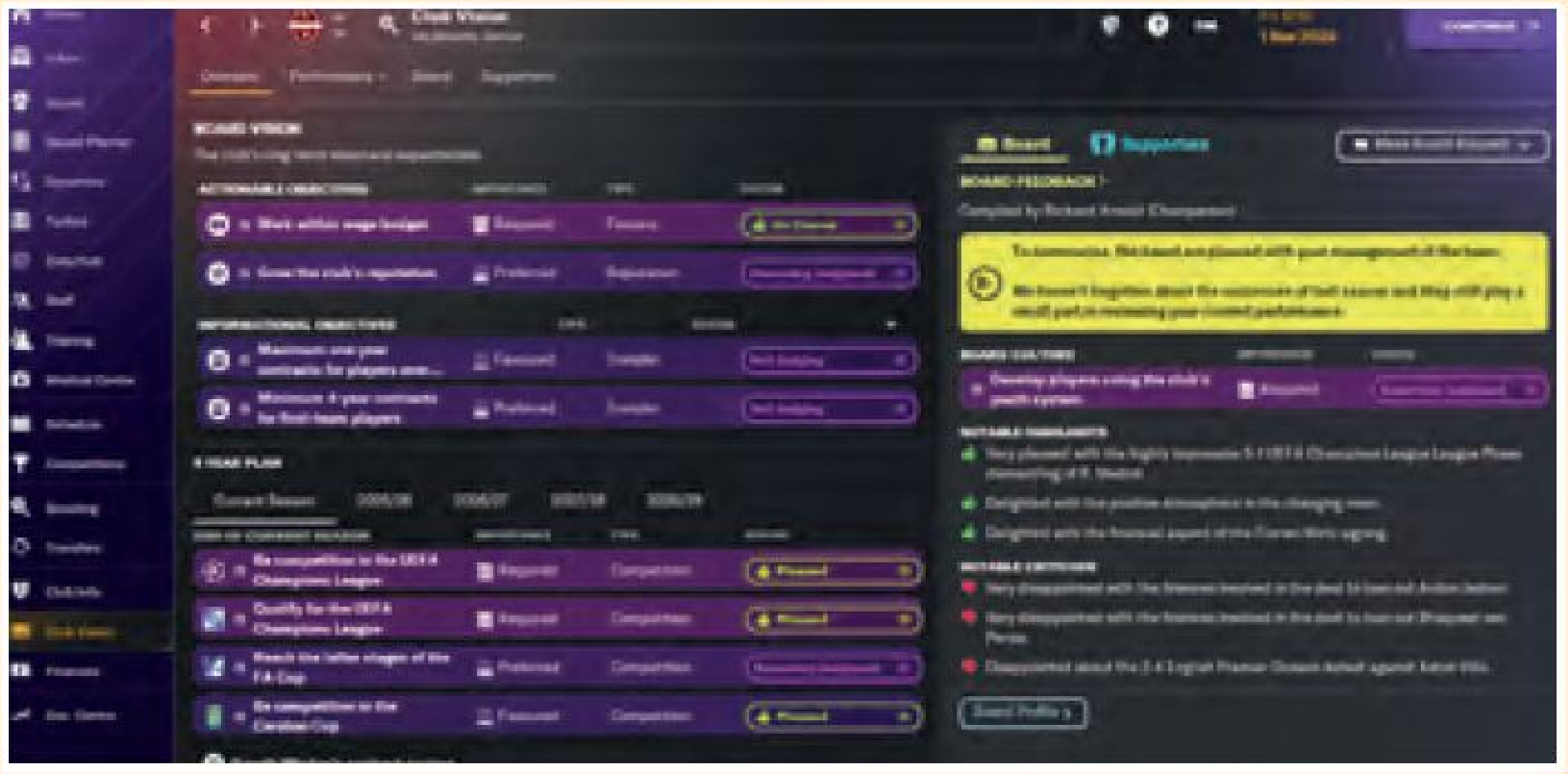
IT'S A TEAM GAME

You'll want to be the main person managing your team, of course, but there's plenty more to it, and that's where your staff can help! From assistant coaches to scouts, use them wisely. We recommend spending time at the outset organising your staff, delegating some tasks to them and making sure you aren't left to do everything.

DO NOT FAIL THE CLUB VISION

Signing for a club and winning matches may not be enough to keep your job. You must match the club's vision or else your contract will be terminated. If the club wants to win trophies or finish in a certain league position and you agree with their vision, then it's up to you to deliver.





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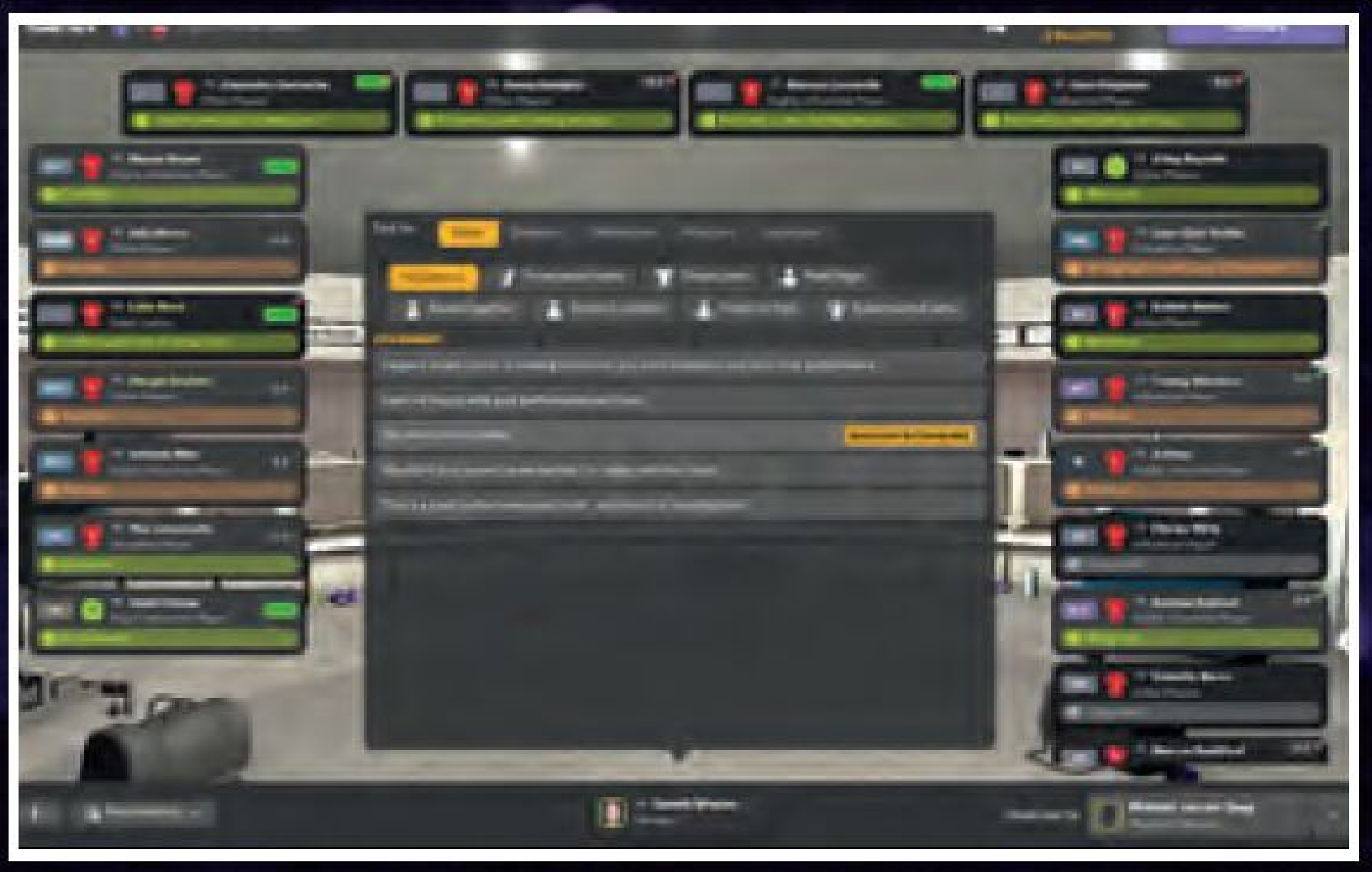
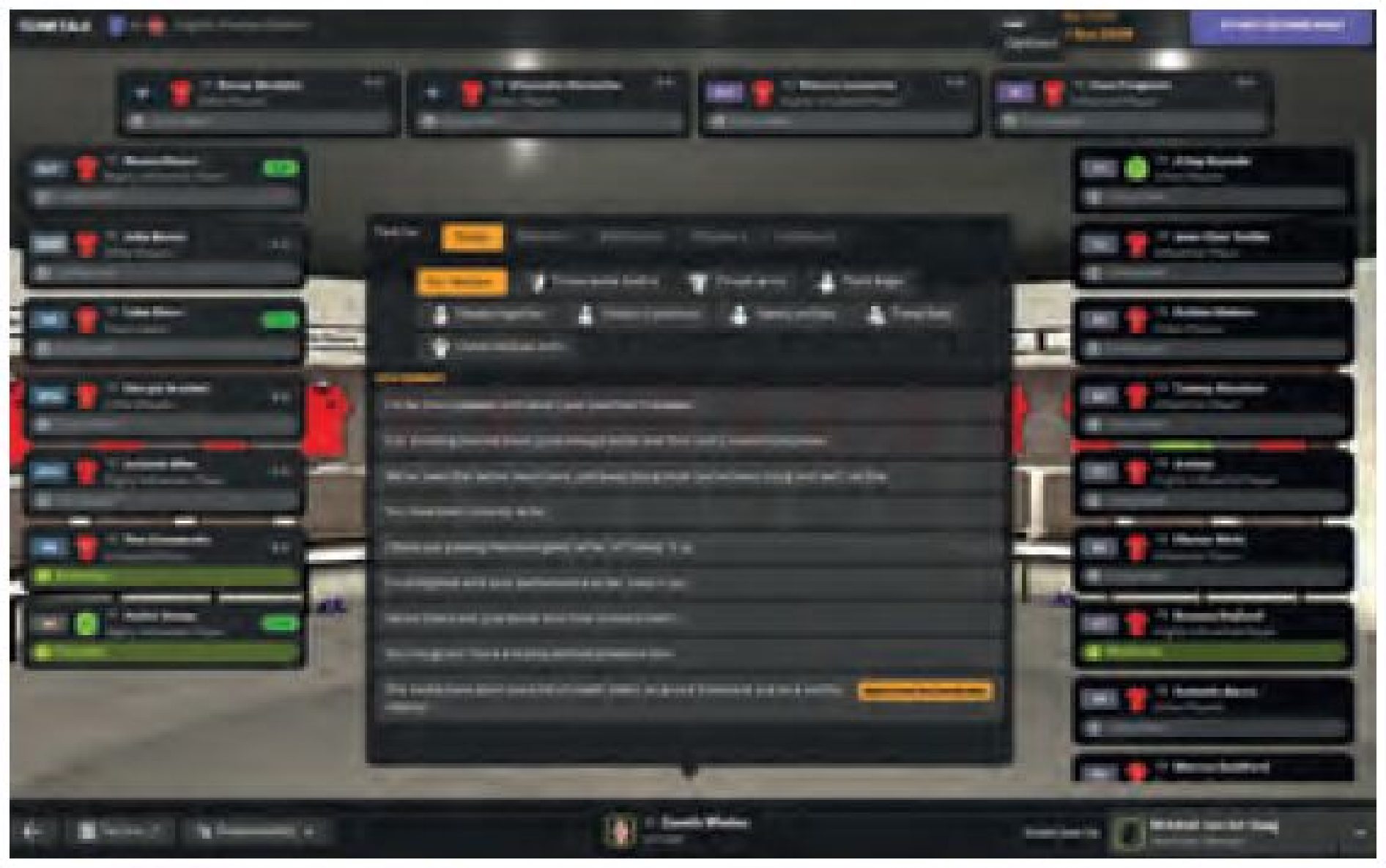
NO TO RACISM
RESPECT

MANAGE YOUR PLAYERS' MORALE

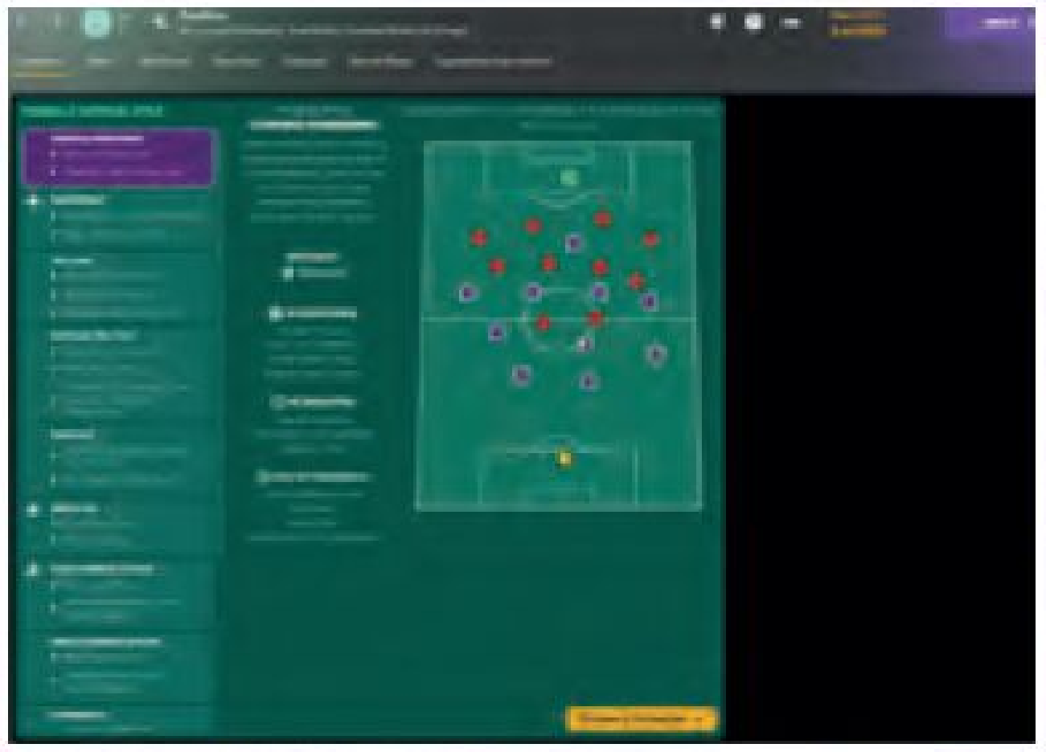


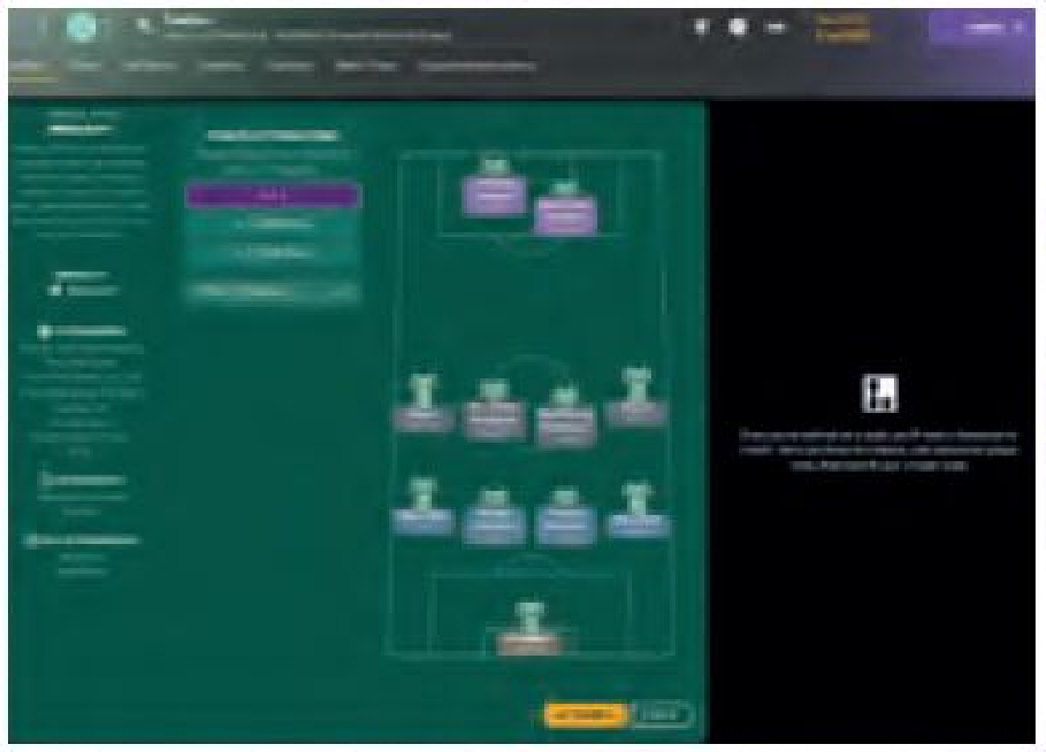


If you have poor team morale it can lead to a run of poor results that's hard to stop. Unhappiness in the camp can also lead to players making demands to play in a certain position or requesting a transfer away from the club. The key here is to pick your moments when criticising your team and not shout at them every week! On the flipside be sure to praise players by talking to them individually when they've had a good game or trained well.

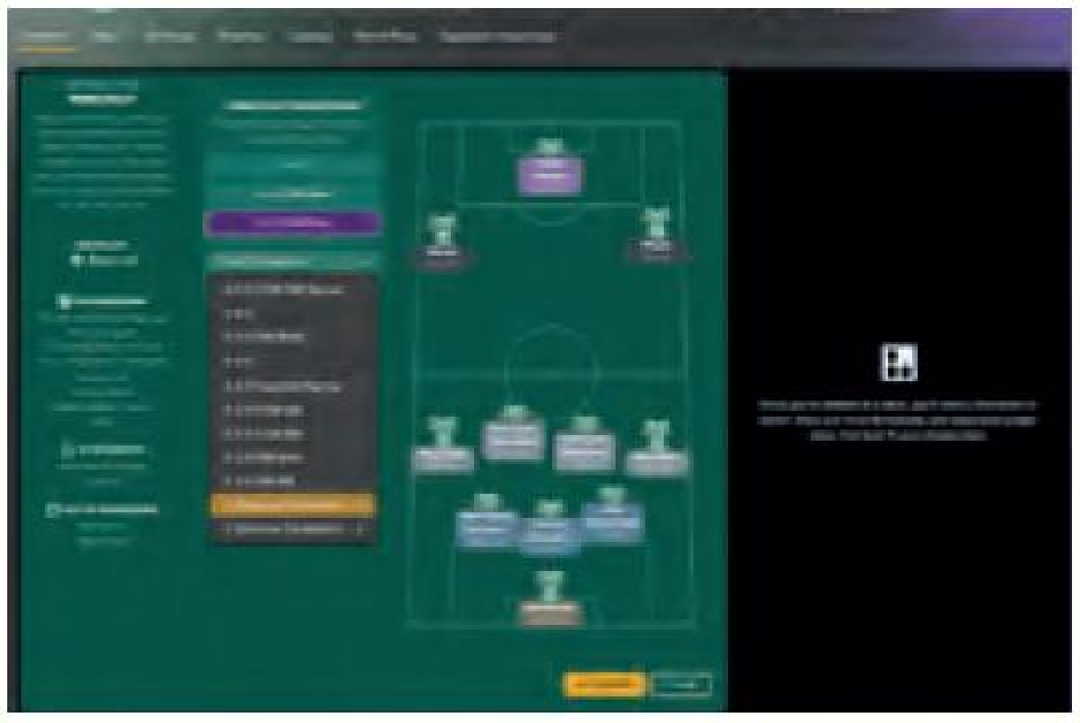
TACTICAL PLAN

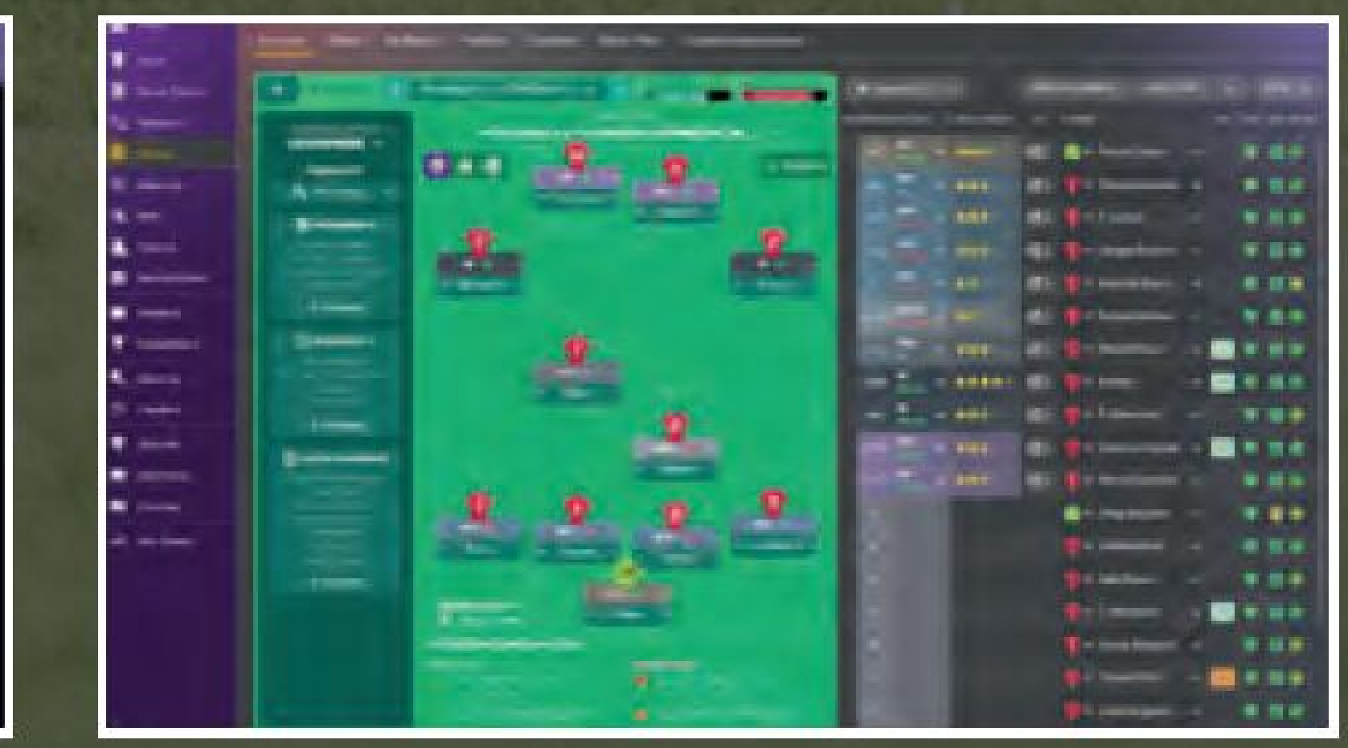
There are so many possibilities when it comes to tactics and formations. You can keep things simple or complicated. An important thing to consider is, do you have the right players to play in your preferred system? For example, why play with wing-backs if you don't have good wing-backs in your squad?





Consider also a plan B formation. It may not be best to set up against an elite European opponent the same way you did the week before against lower league opposition. Having a plan B tactic also allows you to change things in game if plan A isn't working.





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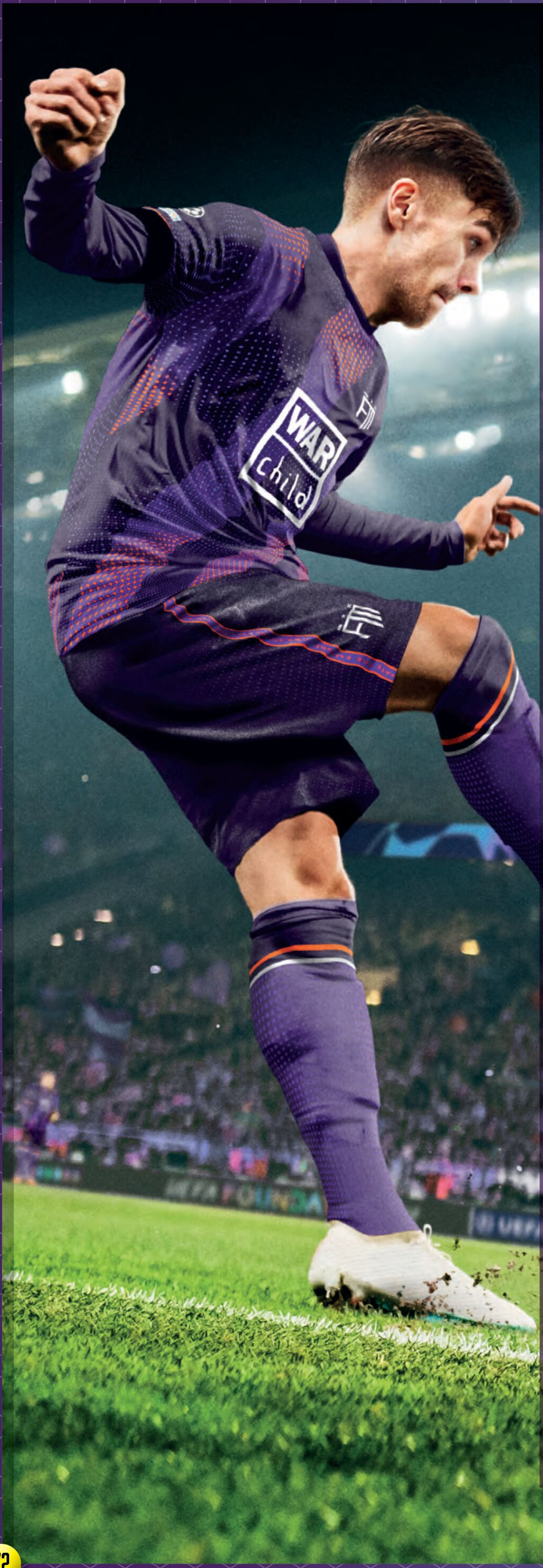


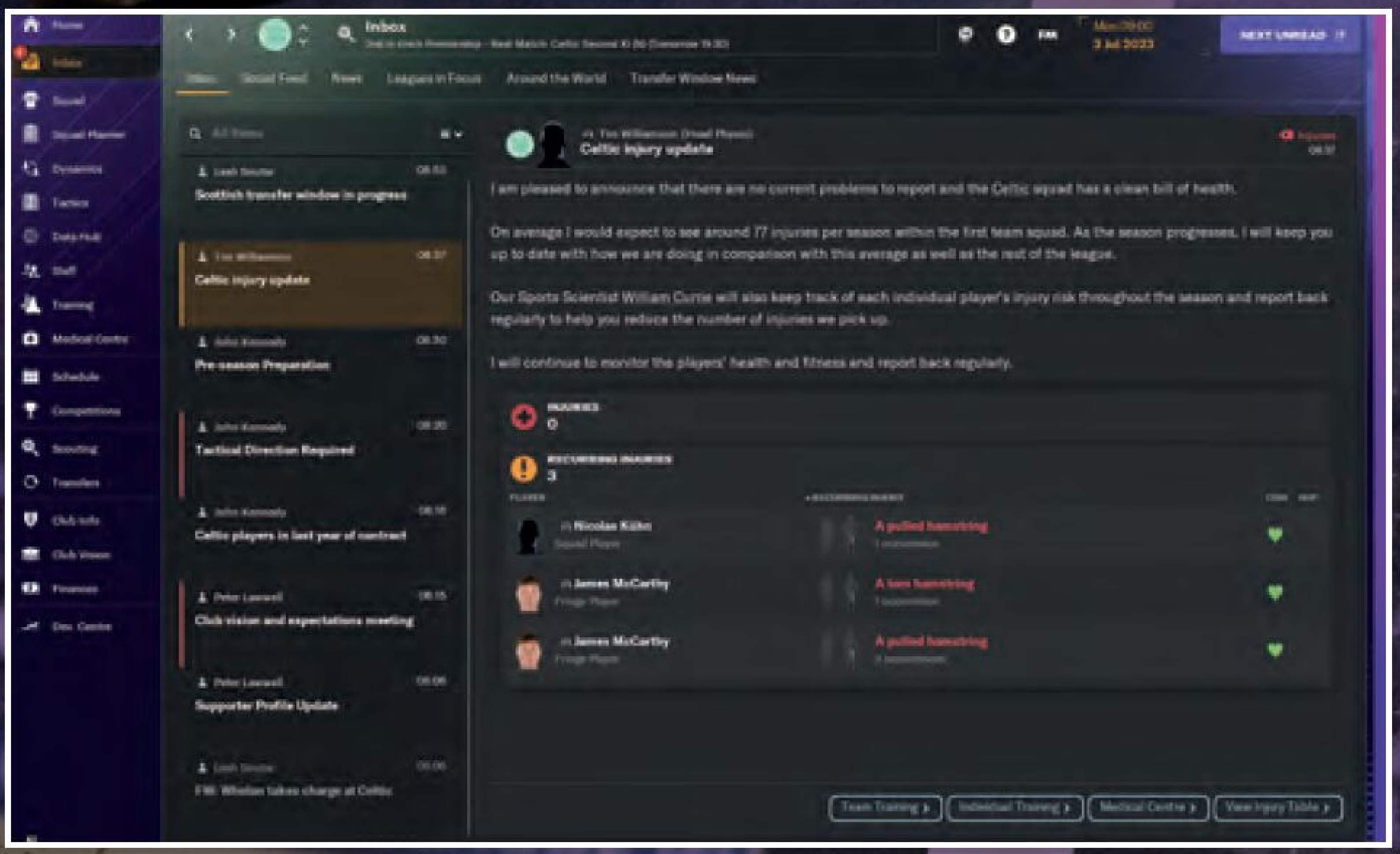
USE SCOUTS EFFECTIVELY

If you want to get the best value for money and spot players your opponents may have missed, then it's important to make good use of your scouts. Assigning them to regions or leagues where there are untapped markets, such as South America, Eastern Europe or Africa, can sometimes produce hidden gems.

SEARCH FOR WHAT YOU NEED

In **FM** you can quickly search for specific types of players by highlighting their key attributes. For example, if it's a box-to-box midfielder you need, then prioritise physical traits like stamina and work-rate alongside technical ones like passing and tackling. If it's a goal scorer you're after, you'll want to prioritise finishing, first touch, composure, positioning and pace.

KEEP ON TOP OF YOUR INBOX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Leah Sinclair 08:53
Scottish transfer window in progress

Tim Williamson 08:37
Celtic injury update

John Kennedy 08:30
Pre-season Preparation

John Kennedy 08:20
Tactical Direction Required

John Kennedy 08:18
Celtic players in last year of contract

Peter Lawwell 08:15
Club vision and expectations meeting

Peter Lawwell 08:08
Supporter Profile Update

Leah Sinclair 00:00
FM: Whelan takes charge at Celtic

Mon 09:00
3 Jul 2023

Tim Williamson (Head Physio)
Celtic injury update

I am pleased to announce that there are no current problems to report and the Celtic squad has a clean bill of health.

On average I would expect to see around 17 injuries per season within the first team squad. As the season progresses, I will keep you up to date with how we are doing in comparison with this average as well as the rest of the league.

Our Sports Scientist William Currie will also keep track of each individual player's injury risk throughout the season and report back regularly to help you reduce the number of injuries we pick up.

I will continue to monitor the players' health and fitness and report back regularly.

INJURIES
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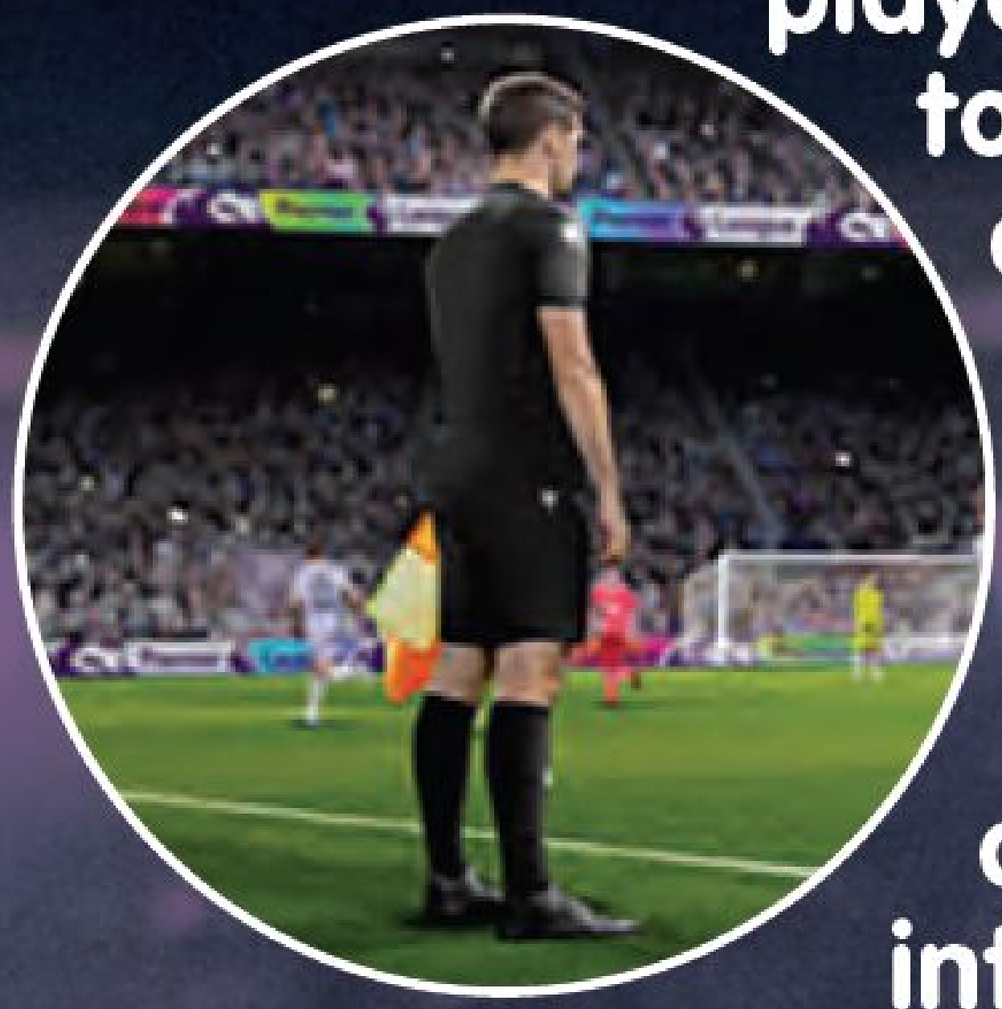
RECURRING INJURIES
3

PLAYER	RECURRING INJURY
Nicolas Kühn Squad Player	A pulled hamstring
James McCarthy Fringe Player	A torn hamstring
James McCarthy Fringe Player	A pulled hamstring

Your inbox will always be filled with messages, and it helps to keep up-to-date with it. You can access and act on a whole range of topics such as scouting reports, injury updates, training results, board comms and transfer negotiations.

TRANSFER NEGOTIATIONS

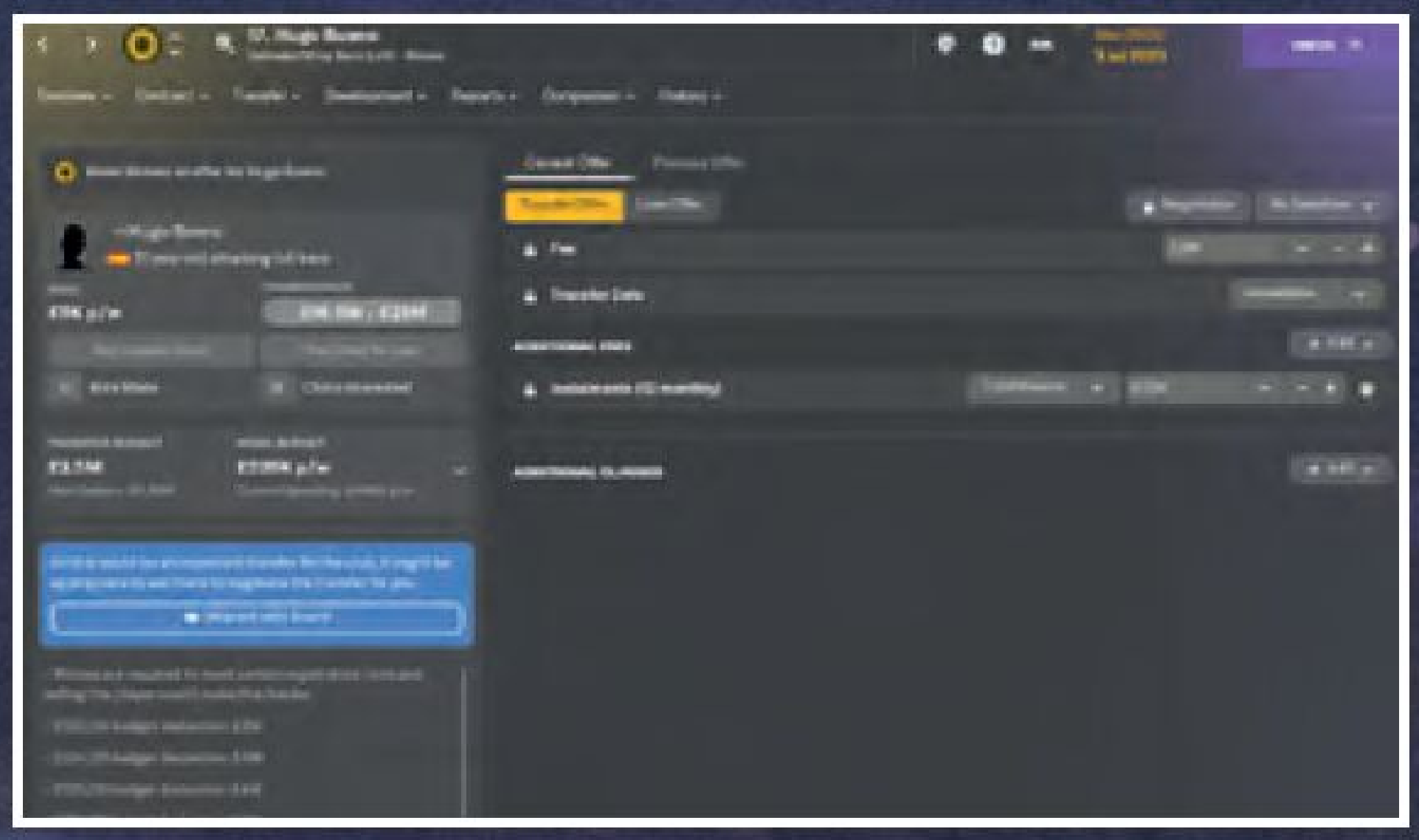


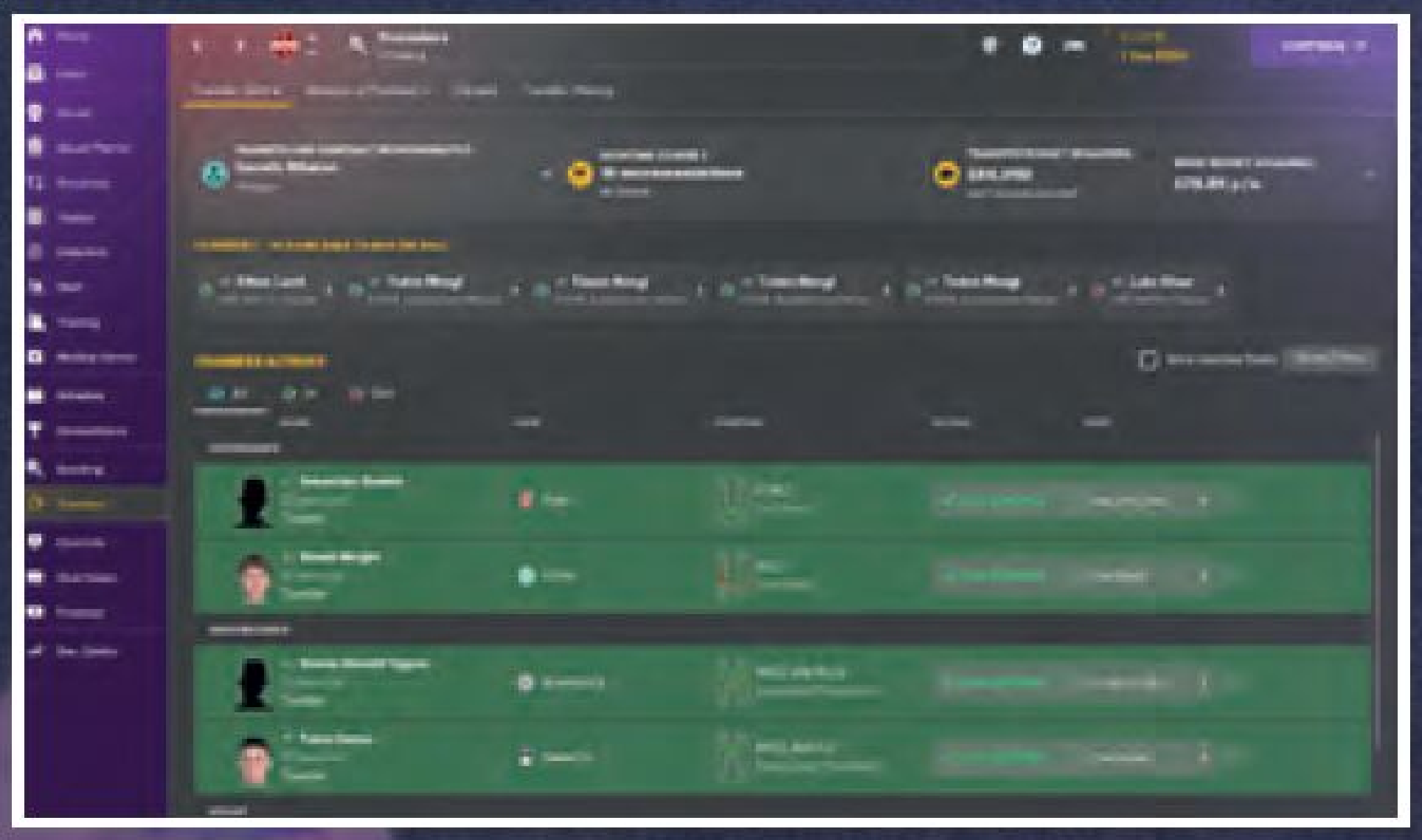
Once you've spotted the player you want to sign, the tough part begins. Agreeing a fee with the club may not be straightforward and even if you get past that part successfully, there's then the question of whether the player is interested in moving to your club. If they are, there's the further challenge of agreeing contract length, weekly wage and any clauses within.

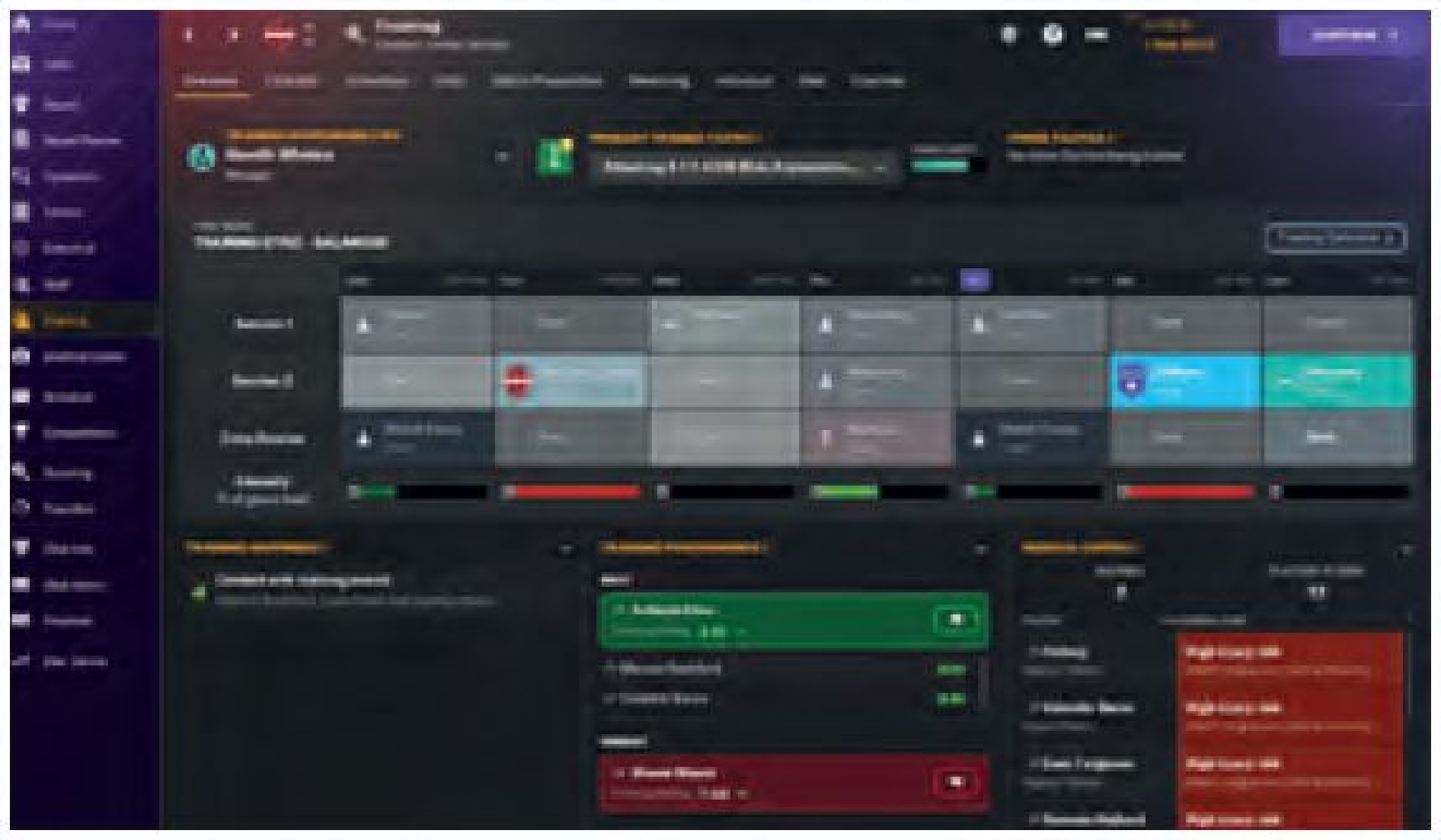
Before making a bid for any player you should contact their agent to find out if they're available and interested.

When submitting a bid, consider paying in instalments over a number of seasons. For example, you can split the fee over three instalments over 12 months. You can even make the bid more attractive by adding clauses such as an extra fee after X amount of league appearances. Steps such as this can ensure you don't blow all your transfer budget on one player.

When negotiating the contract, a player may ask for guarantees that they'll be played in a specific position. Think carefully before agreeing to this. Simply agreeing to get the transfer over the line and then not honouring that agreement will only lead to the player getting unhappy and potentially requesting a transfer.







TAKE YOUR TIME

Finally, there's so much to being a manager on **Football Manager**. Just like in real-life, there are so many things to consider on top of simply playing a football match. You might switch it on, play for an hour or two and only manage to play one or two fixtures. That's okay if that happens, there's no need to rush through a season. Play too quickly and you're more likely to make tactical errors or miss out on a wonderkid signing!

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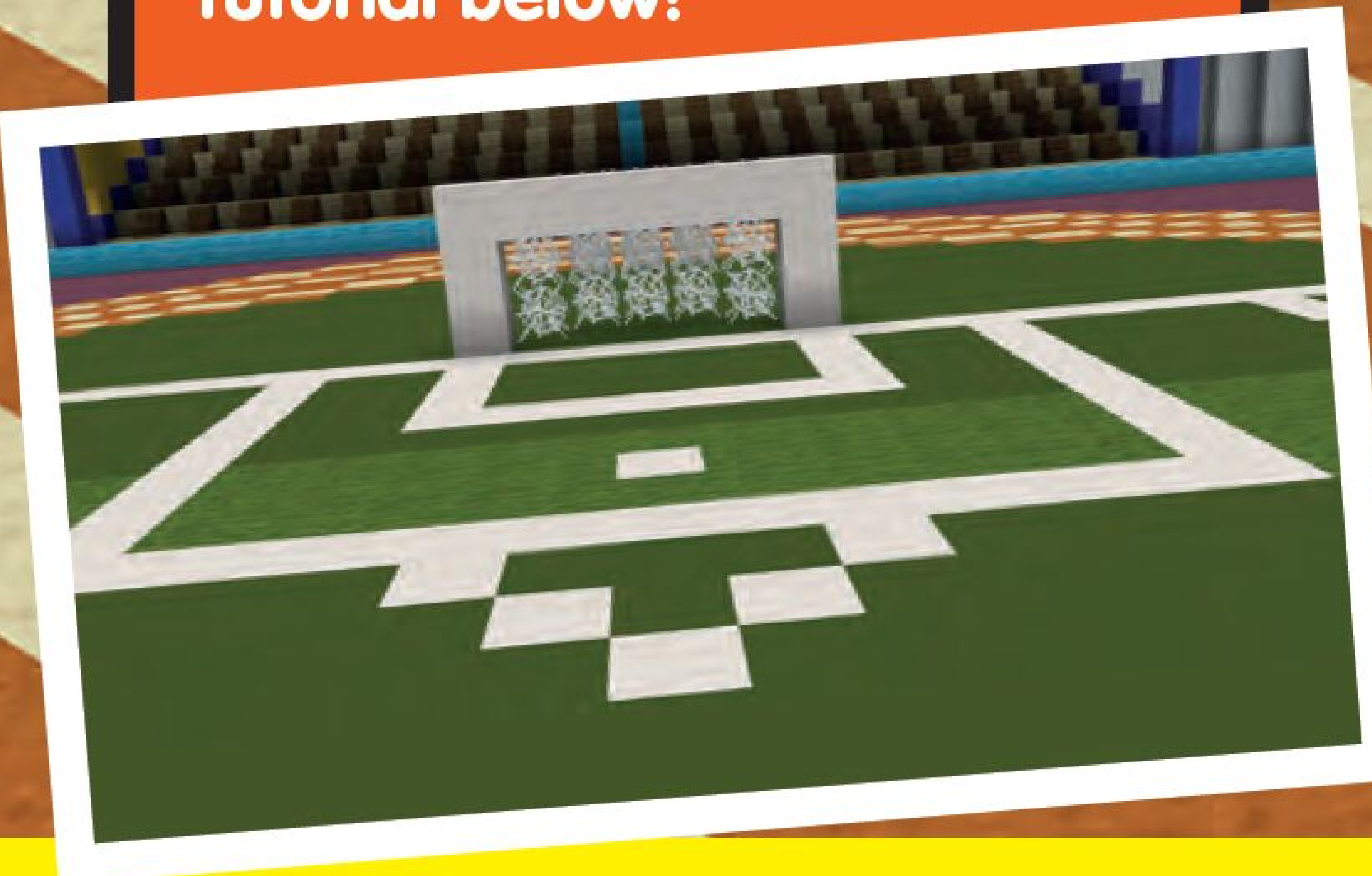
MINECRAFT SUPER STADIUM

GO FOR GOLD WITH YOUR VERY OWN SPORTS ARENA!

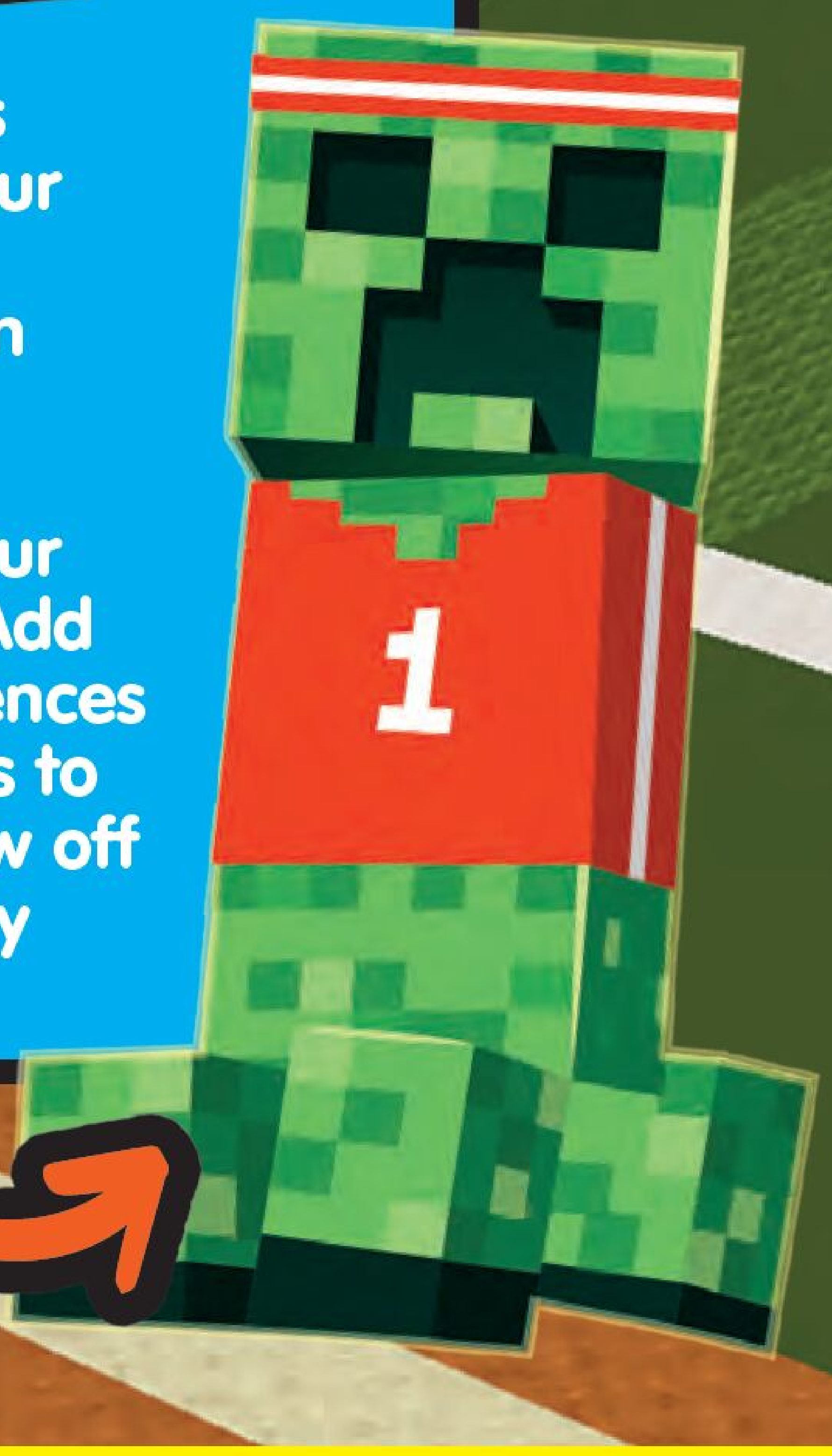
SOCCER SKILLS!

Build yourself a football pitch, complete with white wool goalposts and cobweb nets. You can even bring your pitch to life with our Woof Ball tutorial below!



AWESOME ATHLETICS!

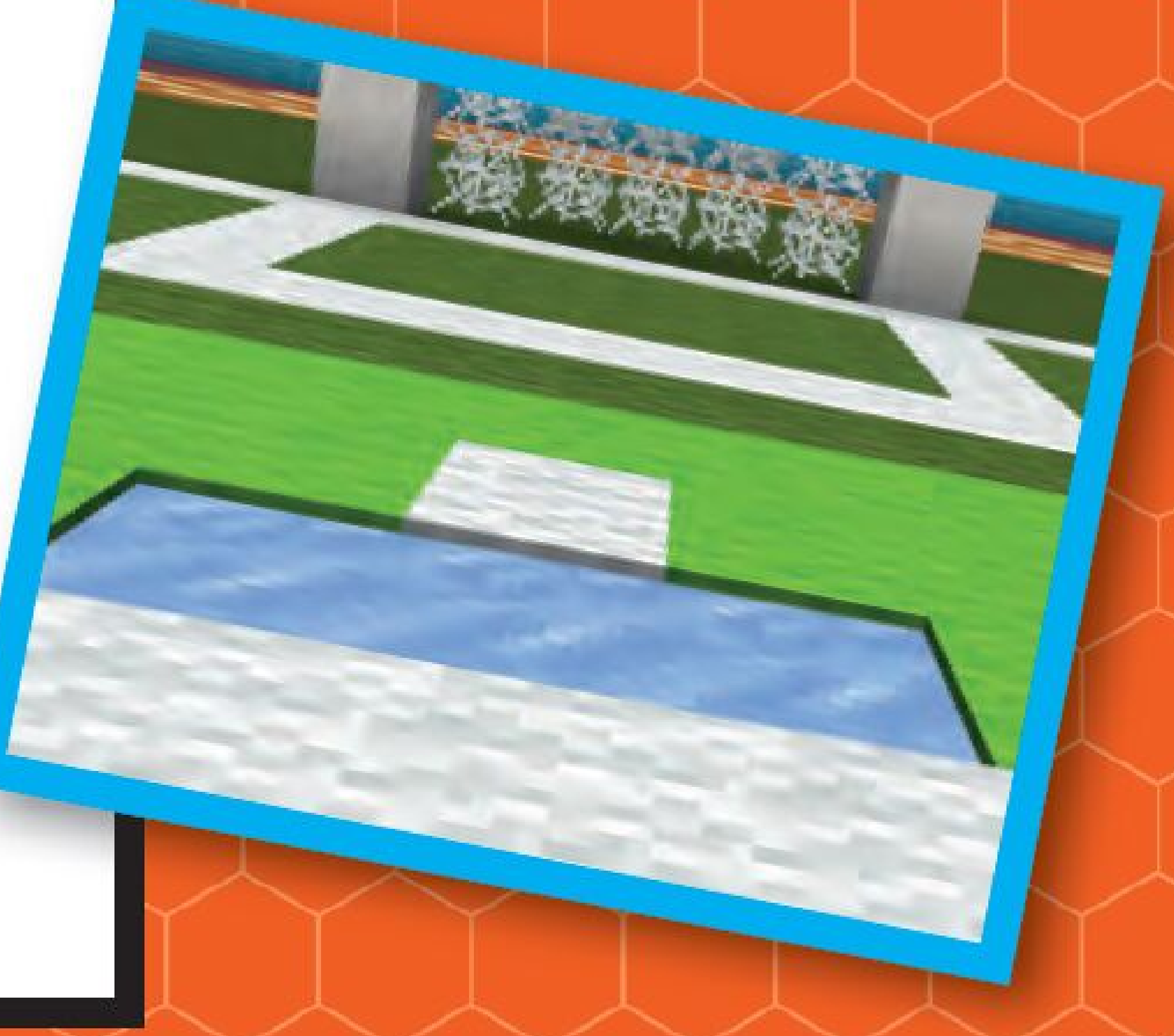
Run circles around your mates by building an awesome racetrack around your stadium. Add in some fences for hurdles to really show off your sporty skills!



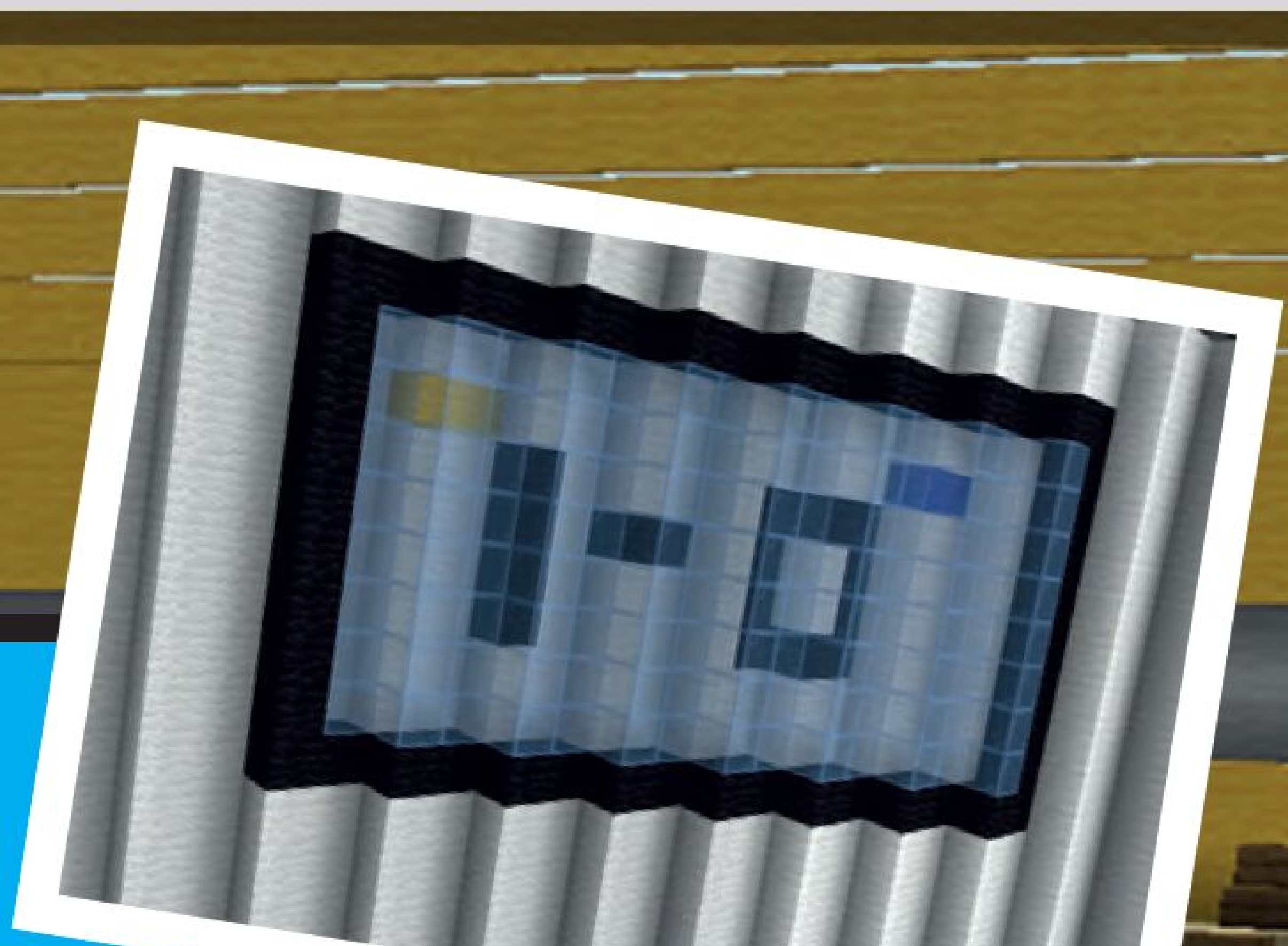
WOOF BALL!

MAKE YOUR OWN SOCCER-STYLE MINIGAME WITHOUT ANY MODS!

1 Build your pitch out of packed ice blocks and cover with green and white carpet to get that classic football look, but with added slide!



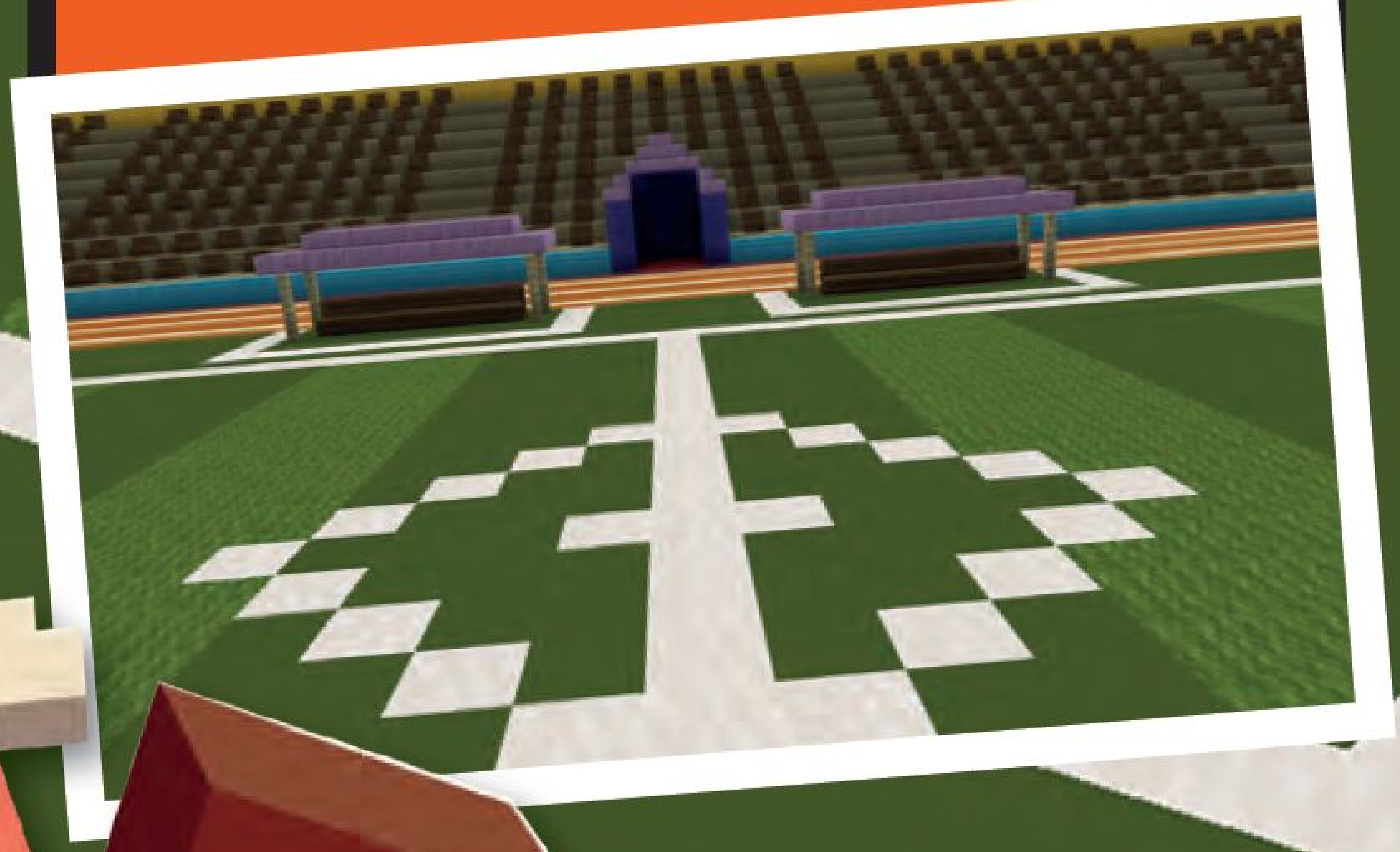
SUPER SCORES!



No stadium would be complete without a giant scoreboard! Use wool for a pixel art creation, or if you're up for the challenge, you can even make moving elements with redstone.

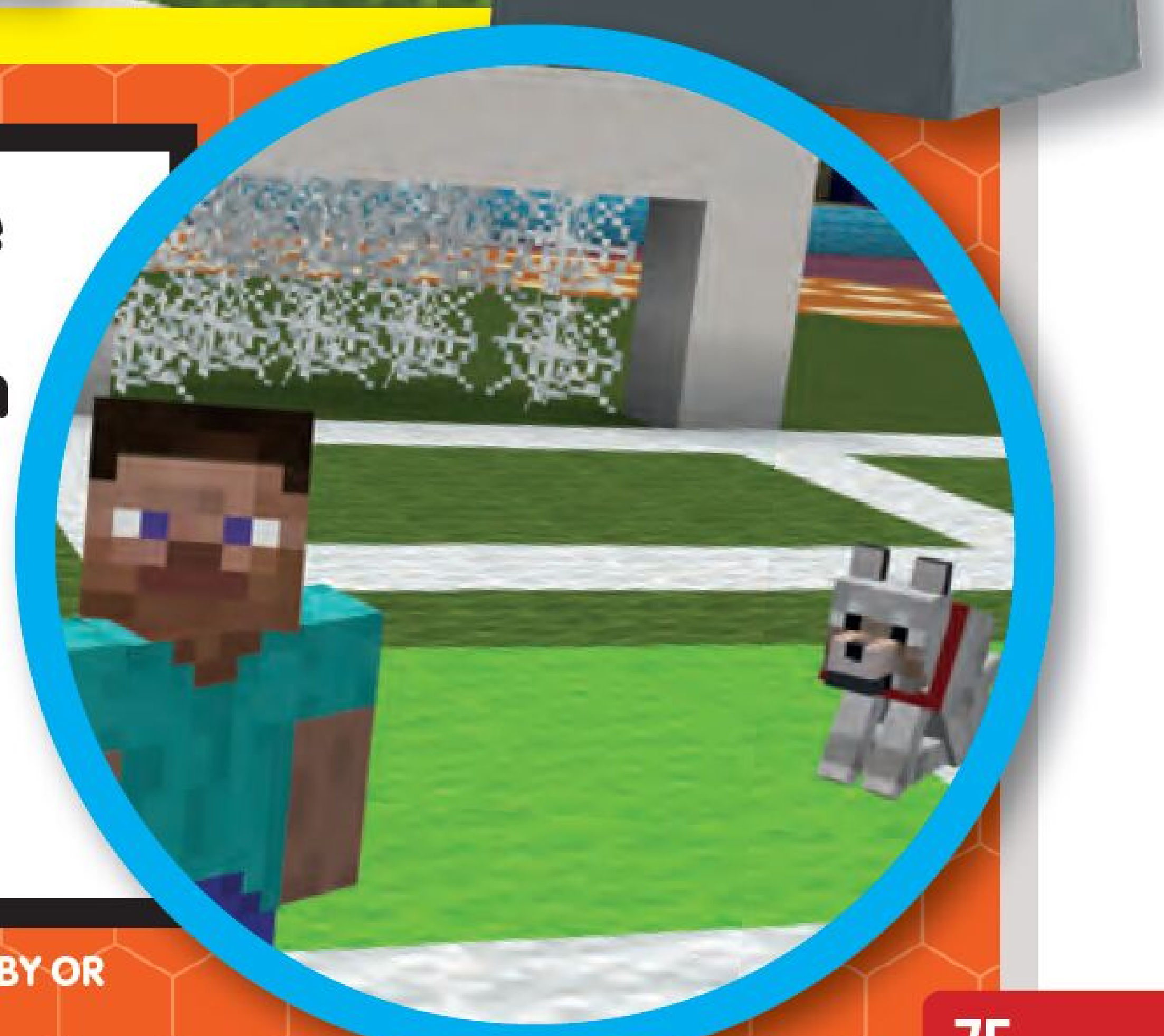
TOP TEAMS!

Create dugouts or seating areas for each team and then decorate them in your fave colours. Don't forget to include a tunnel that takes you to each team's locker room… or a secret base hidden under your stadium!



2 Tame a **Wolf** and make them sit – this is your ball!

3 Thanks to the slippery ice, when you run into a sitting **Wolf**, it'll slide across the pitch, just like a football! GOOOAAALLL!



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eSports: A PRO GUIDE!

PLAY WITH PALS!

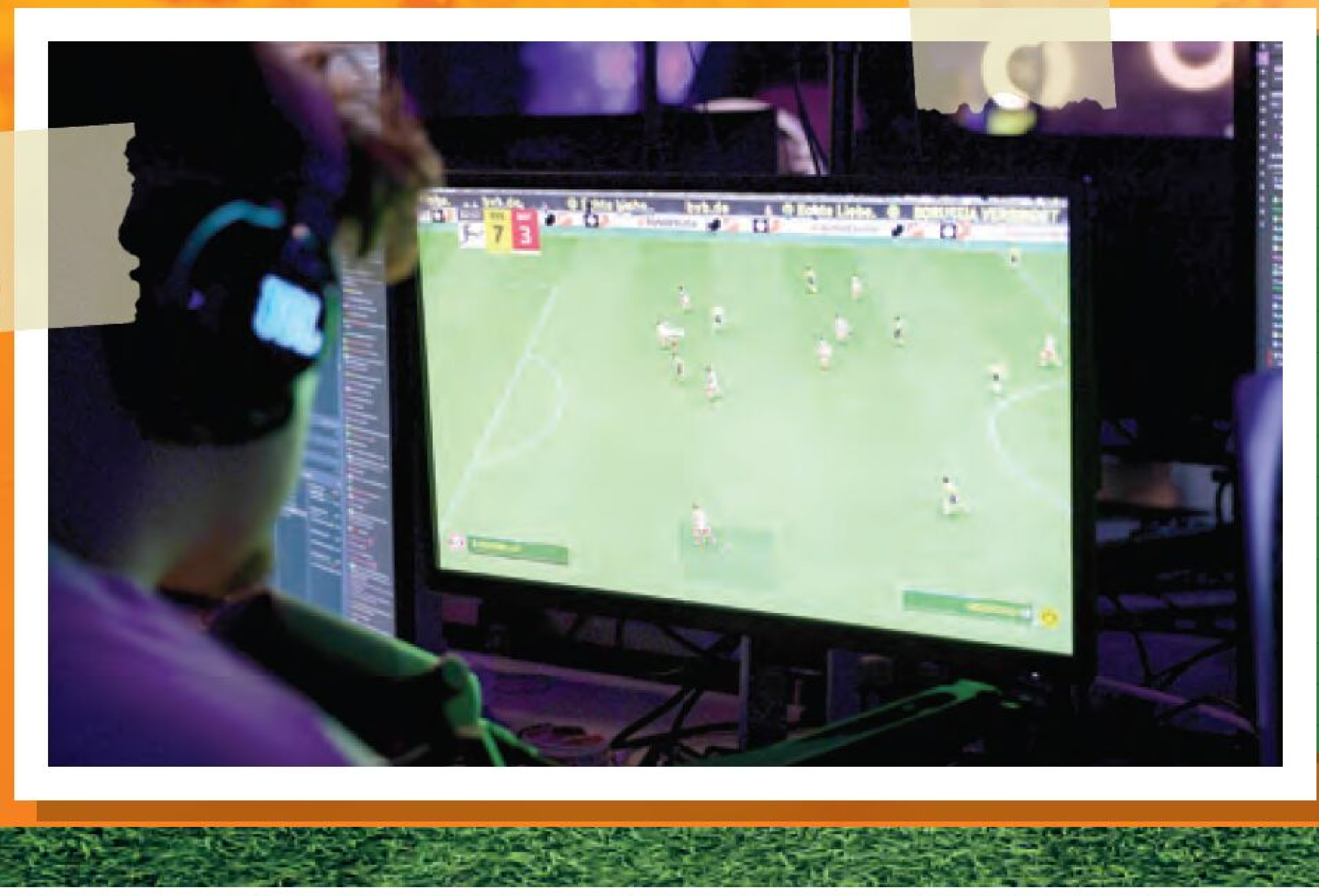
Even if you hope to one day be competing against them, playing with your friends is a great way for you to improve as a player. You can help each other improve, share tactics and it just makes practising so much more fun!

POSITION PRO!

Football is all about teamwork! It's important to understand what each position does and how different formations work. Knowing when to attack or defend can make a big difference!

HIT RECORD!

Every modern console and most top eSports games have a way of recording your gameplay to watch back later. Use it! Watching yourself play lets you work out what you do well and what you've still got to improve on.



SUPER STREAMER!

Ever wonder why pro gamers stream all the time too? Loads of pros feel like having an audience helps them to always play their best as it's much harder to be lazy or slack off when you've got someone watching your every move!

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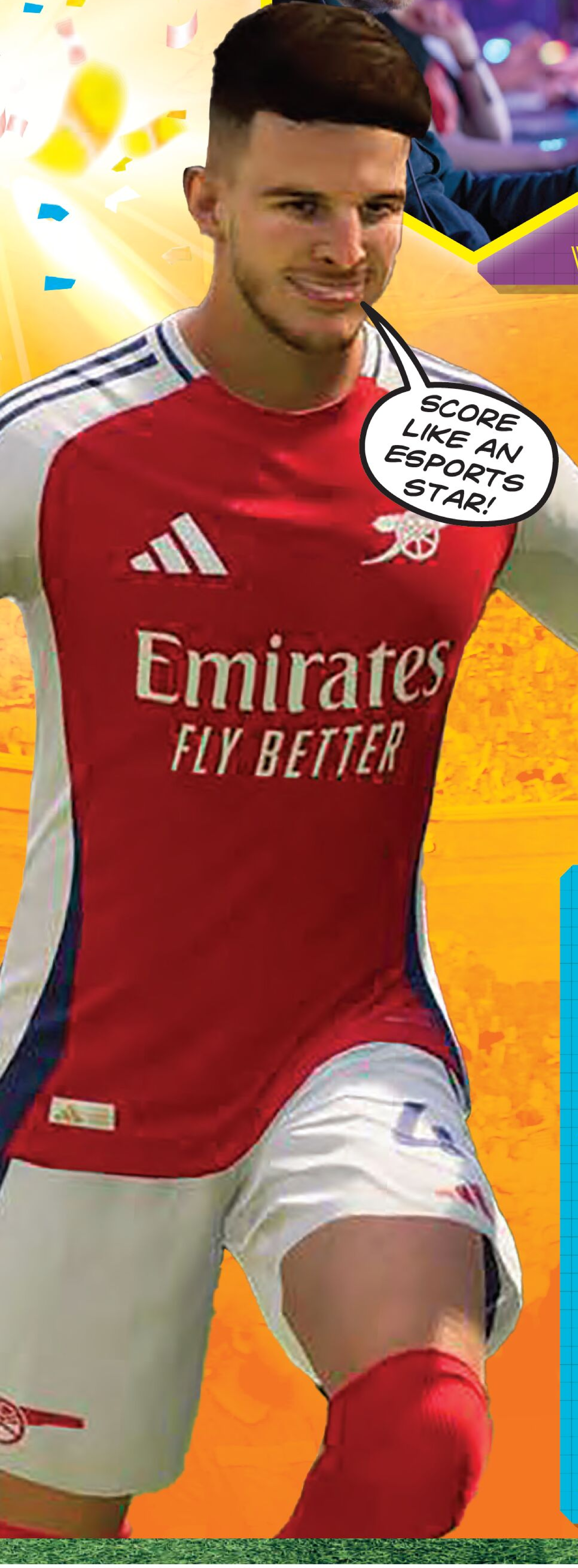
WATCH THE BEST!

Pro gamers don't live in a bubble. Being good at a game isn't enough, you need to be able to anticipate how your opponents will play and be able to counter it. Watching the top players will give you an idea of what to be ready to play against.



BOSS BALANCE!

The top-tier of pros have personal coaches to make sure they eat right, sleep right and prevent work or school from distracting them from their gaming goals. You don't need a coach, but you do need to keep a healthy gaming/life balance.

LASER FOCUS!

No-one is the master of every game. Professional players stick to one game, so they know it inside and out. This allows them to learn the right strategies and tricks to give them an edge over their opponents and train smarter. In eSports, it's all about picking one thing to be the best at!

NEXEN T
XEN TIRE

DID YOU KNOW THESE BIG FOOTY TEAMS HAVE ESPORTS TEAMS TOO?

eSports FOOTBALL CHAMPS!

MANCHESTER UNITED

■ Man Utd haven't just been battling it out in the 24/25 ePremier League, with players showing off their EAS FC skills, but the Red Devils have also teamed up with Konami to host their own eFootball 2025 Club Event!

MANCHESTER CITY

■ One of the most successful teams in recent history, City have won the PL EIGHT times since the 2011/2012 season! But their success doesn't stop there – pro EAS FC players Tekkz and Bonanno led the club to their second ePremier League trophy when they scooped the title in 2024!

WHY ESPORTS?!

■ It might seem random for your fave footy club to have an eSports division, but here's a few good reasons why!

1 It helps the club to engage with a different audience, potentially drawing in a new generation of fans!

QATAR
AIRWAYS

FC SCHALKE 04

■ German side Schalke were one of the first footy teams to jump into the world of eSports back in 2016! They didn't start with a football game though, instead getting players to play League of Legends! The club have since gone on to compete in FIFAe and Virtual Bundesliga tournaments!

SCHALKE 04
SCHALKE 04

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN

■ **Big spenders**

PSG are a force in eSports as well as footy IRL! In addition to having their own eSports studio and academy, their EAS FC team have scooped six major titles, winning big at events like the Esports World Convention. They also have teams that compete in Rocket League and Brawl Stars, too!

FC BARCELONA

■ Not only are FC Barcelona official partners with eFootball creators, Konami, but they also have a whole bunch of professional eSports teams who have bossed games like League of Legends, Rocket League, and of course, eFootball!

2 New sponsors, advertising, brand partnerships, and creating merchandise for their eSports teams, are all ways for clubs to grow and make more money!

3 eSports events allow clubs to develop new sponsorships and partnerships that they might not have otherwise.

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GOAL GETTER!

Make the right decisions to take your team to the top!

START!

YOU GO ONE-NIL DOWN IN THE OPENING FIVE MINUTES! YOU...

Stay cool

Panic

RED CARD!

A FRANTIC TACKLE EARNS YOU A RED!

YOU'VE WON A CORNER!

Bang it into the box

YOU'RE 1-ON-1 WITH THE KEEPER!

Chip the goalie

Bottom corner

SAVED!

THE GOALKEEPER READ YOU LIKE A BOOK!

YOU MEET A PACY WINGER, YOU...

MIDFIELD INTERCEPTION!

Take a short pass

Reset the play

Drive forward

DRIBBLING TOWARDS THE OPPOSITION BOX, YOU...

Look for a pass

Take a long-ranger

IT'S 2-ON-1! YOU...

Cover the passing lane

Mark the ball

COUNTER ATTACK!

YOU LOST POSSESSION AND MOMENTUM... AND THE LEAD!

Go for one more

AN OPPONENT IS DRIBBLING TOWARDS YOU!

Play it safe

YOU'RE UP BY ONE AND THE CLOCK'S TICKING!

Force them wide

Stand your ground

Lunge in

Slide tackle

INJURY!

OUCH! YOU WENT IN TOO HARD AND PAID THE PRICE!

YOU WON!
CHAMPIONIES, CHAMPIONIES! YOU'VE WON THE EUROS!

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Brush up on your footy facts!

STRANGE BUT TRUE!

1

Keeper **Tom King** broke the world record when he scored from 96.01m! That's the same height as Big Ben!

2

Italy won the 1968 European Championship semi-final... by a coin toss!

3

In 2011, a record 36 red cards were dished out during a match in Argentina!

POR FAVOR DEJA!

4

AC Milan and Inter Milan were originally one club who split up after a disagreement!

5

A Dutch referee accidentally scored a goal in a third division match – and it counted!

6

Ryan Giggs was never once sent off for Man Utd, despite playing 963 matches over 24 years!

7

It took just 2.4 seconds for **Nawaf Al-Abed** to score a goal in a Saudi Arabian league match!

HEY! I HAD TO LEAVE EARLY FOR MY PARTY!

8

A team in the Netherlands has the longest name EVER: Nooit opgeven altijd doorzetten, Aangenaam door vermaak en nuttig door ontspanning, Combinatie Breda. Thankfully, it's just NAC Breda for short!

9

Founded in 1857, Sheffield F.C. are recognised as the world's oldest football club!

10

Gianfranco Zola – the Chelsea legend – is the only player to have been sent off during a World Cup final on his birthday! We're sure that's not the birthday card he wanted!

11

Neil Armstrong wanted to take a football to the Moon, but NASA wouldn't let him!

12

A team in Madagascar once scored 149 goals — and didn't win! After a row with the ref, they decided to score a whole lotta OGs!

13

Nemanja Vidić is the only Premier League winner whose name can be spelled with Roman numerals. V is five, I is one, D is 500, and C is 100!

14

Despite being unbeaten in the qualifiers and even winning a match 13-0, Australia still failed to make the cut for the 1998 World Cup!

15

The highest altitude game of football took place inside a volcanic crater on Mount Kilimanjaro, a crazy 5714m above sea level!

16

The first ever footballs were made from inflated animal bladders – sorry, piggies!

17

Before football boots were invented in the 1860s, players used to wear heavy, steel-toed work boots!

18

In the 2000s, German goalie, **Hans-Jörg Butt**, scored three Champions League penalties for three different teams ... but they were all against Juventus!

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THEY COST HOW MUCH?!

■ Football is awash with money and sometimes it's spent wisely... and other times not!

TOP 5 MOST EXPENSIVE!

1. **NEYMAR** – BARCELONA TO PSG – 2017 – £200 MILLION (APPROX.)
2. **KYLIAN MBAPPÉ** – AS MONACO TO PSG – 2017 – £166 MILLION
3. **PHILIPPE COUTINHO** – LIVERPOOL TO BARCELONA – 2018 – £146 MILLION
4. **JOÃO FÉLIX** – BENFICA TO ATLÉTICO MADRID – 2019 – £113 MILLION
5. **ANTOINE GRIEZMANN** – ATLÉTICO MADRID TO BARCELONA – 2019 – £107 MILLION

WHAT A WASTE OF MONEY!

■ While Real Madrid usually get it right, they'll certainly rue spending nearly £89 million on **Eden Hazard** in 2019. The transfer fee plus a reported £400,000 a week in wages ended up a disastrous piece of business. **Hazard** scored only one goal in the 2019/2020 season and ended his career there playing just 76 games in four seasons, scoring only seven goals.

THE FIRST...

£100,000 TRANSFER

■ **Denis Law** became the first British player to be sold for £100,000 in 1961 when he joined Torino from Manchester City.

£1,000,000 TRANSFER

■ In 1979, **Trevor Francis** became the first British footballer to command a £1 million transfer fee when he made the move from Birmingham City to Nottingham Forest.

£10,000,000 TRANSFER

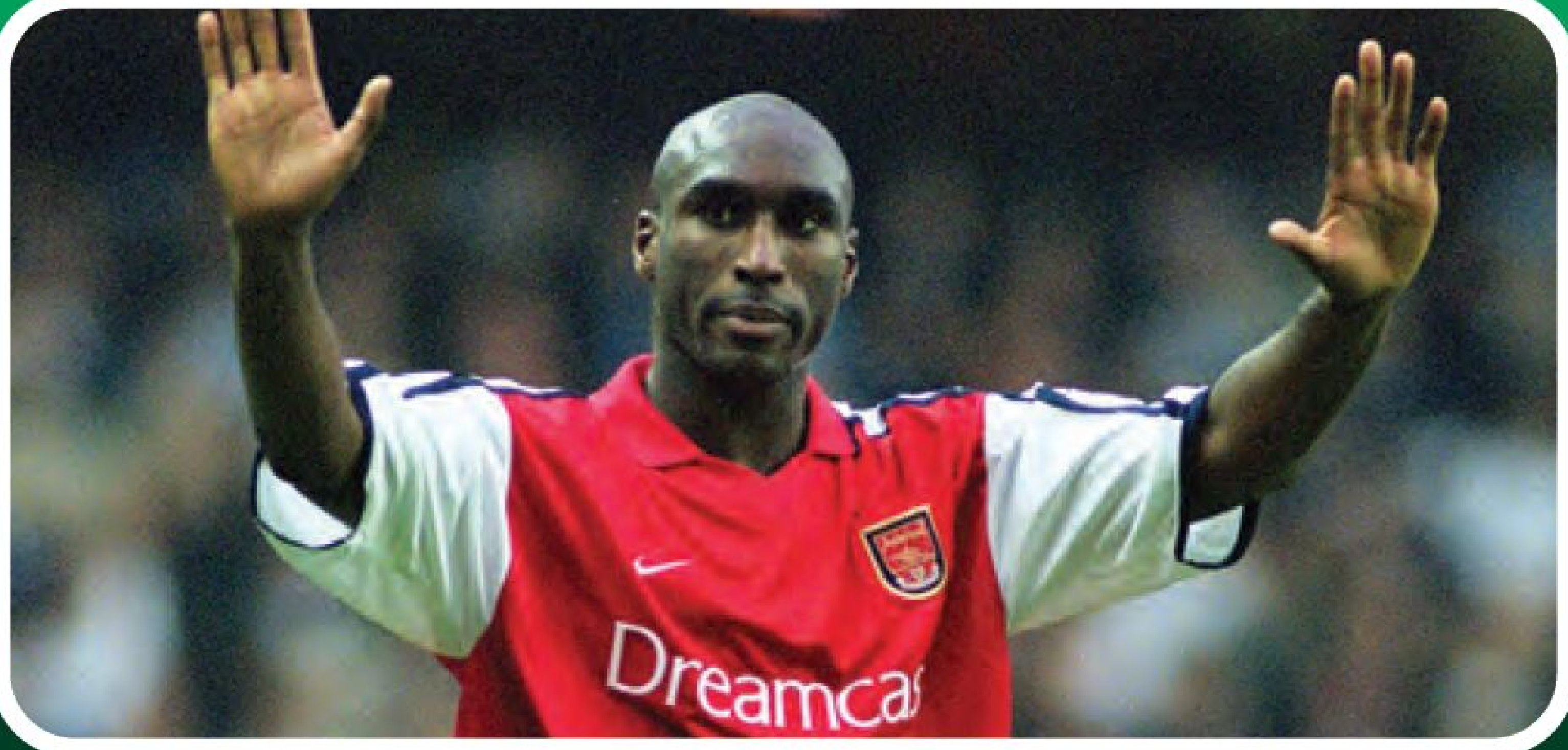
■ The first footballer to cost more than £10 million in a transfer fee was **Alan Shearer** in 1996, when he signed for Newcastle United from Blackburn Rovers for £15 million. This made him the most expensive footballer in history at the time.

£100,000,000 TRANSFER

■ The first footballer to cost more than £100 million in transfer fee was **Neymar's** move from Barcelona to PSG. This isn't just the most expensive in history, it was also the first to happen costing more than £100 million in transfer fees.

FREE AND EASY!

Spending money ought to give a greater chance of success, but sometimes the best things in ~~life~~ football are free! Here are two examples of when a free transfer proved to be great value!



SOL CAMPBELL

■ He once did the unthinkable in 2001 and left Tottenham on a free transfer to sign for North London rivals Arsenal. The risk paid off as he went on to win two Premier League titles with the Gunners, including the 2003/04 Invincibles season.

ANDREA PIRLO

■ He was already an Italy and AC Milan legend and considered one of the world's best midfielders in 2011. He then surprised everyone by leaving Milan and signing for rivals Juventus on a free transfer. Fans couldn't believe their luck as he went on to spend four seasons there, winning four league titles in the process.

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SEEING RED!

Whether it's you or a teammate on the receiving end, getting a red card in football is far from ideal. However, for some players, they just can't seem to help it!

WHERE DID IT ALL BEGIN?

Before 1970 players used to be sent off via a verbal warning from a referee. However, without cards, it was hard for any viewer at home or in the stadium to know what was going on. So, yellow and red cards were introduced at the FIFA World Cup in 1970 with the first red card in a major tournament shown four years later at the next World Cup in West Germany.

BLUE FOLLOWED BY RED

Everton, with 108 red cards have the most of any team since the Premier League was formed in 1992. However, Arsenal follow close behind on 107.*

RECORD BREAKER

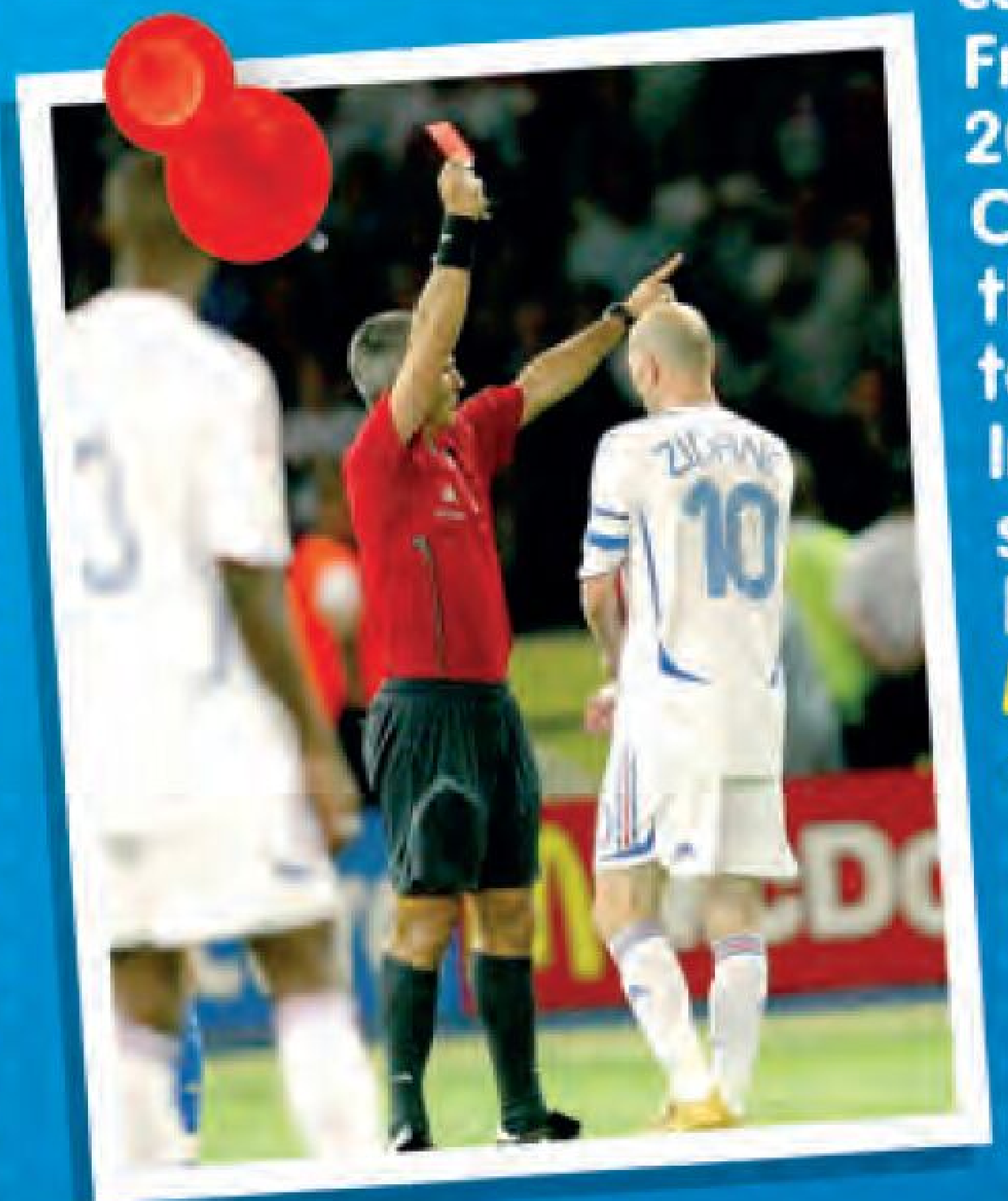
Retired Columbian player, **Gerardo Bedoya**, holds the record for being sent off a wild 46 times! Known as 'The Beast' for his tough tackles, he was once suspended for 15 matches. After retiring, he briefly tried coaching but was dismissed after just 21 minutes!

* Stats correct at time of going to press.

VAMOS RAMOS

Real Madrid and Spain icon **Sergio Ramos** has certainly enjoyed a storied career filled with prestigious trophies, but he has also made headlines for his fondness for receiving red cards. Remarkably, he's been shown the red card 29 times throughout his career!

THE HEADBUTT



Zinedine Zidane was the star captain of France in the 2006 World Cup, winning the Golden Ball as the tournament's best player. In a dramatic final, he shocked everyone by headbutting Italian player **Marco Materazzi**, earning one of the most infamous red cards of all. France lost to Italy on penalties, and **Zidane's** final match was marked by that unforgettable moment.

WHY RED MATTERS

Looking at every fixture from the Premier League a few seasons back, 59% of teams who received a red card went on to lose the match. 18% of the time they managed a draw, and they only won 23% of the time – less than one in four.

Keep calm and carry on! That's the message if one of your teammates sees red. The last thing your team needs is another red card or for heads to drop. It's important to control your emotions and play smart for the team!

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POWER PROFILE!

AITANA BONMATÍ

POWER UP!

Many consider Aitana to be the best women's football player in the world and it's easy to see why! She's always aware of her surroundings, allowing her to adapt and stay one step ahead of her opponents.

DAMAGE ALERT!

While she's a leader in midfield and has the skills to get into the box, defence is one of her weaker areas. This is because of her lack of physicality and disadvantage in aerial duels.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Aitana** was part of the first team in the history of Barcelona FC to win the UEFA Women's Champions League!
- She joined Barcelona's youth team at 14-years-old and would travel almost two hours on public transport with her dad to get to training – now that's dedication!
- She won the Women's Ballon d'Or award in 2023 and again in 2024. This is a huge deal because it's one of the most prestigious individual awards in football!
- When she's not playing football, she enjoys travelling and says it's her favourite way to disconnect.

STATS:

BORN: 18/01/1998
AGE: 27
POSITION: MIDFIELDER
CLUBS: BARCELONA
CLUB APPEARANCES: 280
GOALS: 100
NATIONAL TEAM: SPAIN
INT CAPS: 72
INT GOALS: 28

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ALL ABOUT

REAL MADRID

Check out all you need to know about the world's most valuable football club.

Real Madrid was founded in 1902 but didn't begin playing in their home stadium, the Santiago Bernabéu, until it was opened in 1947.

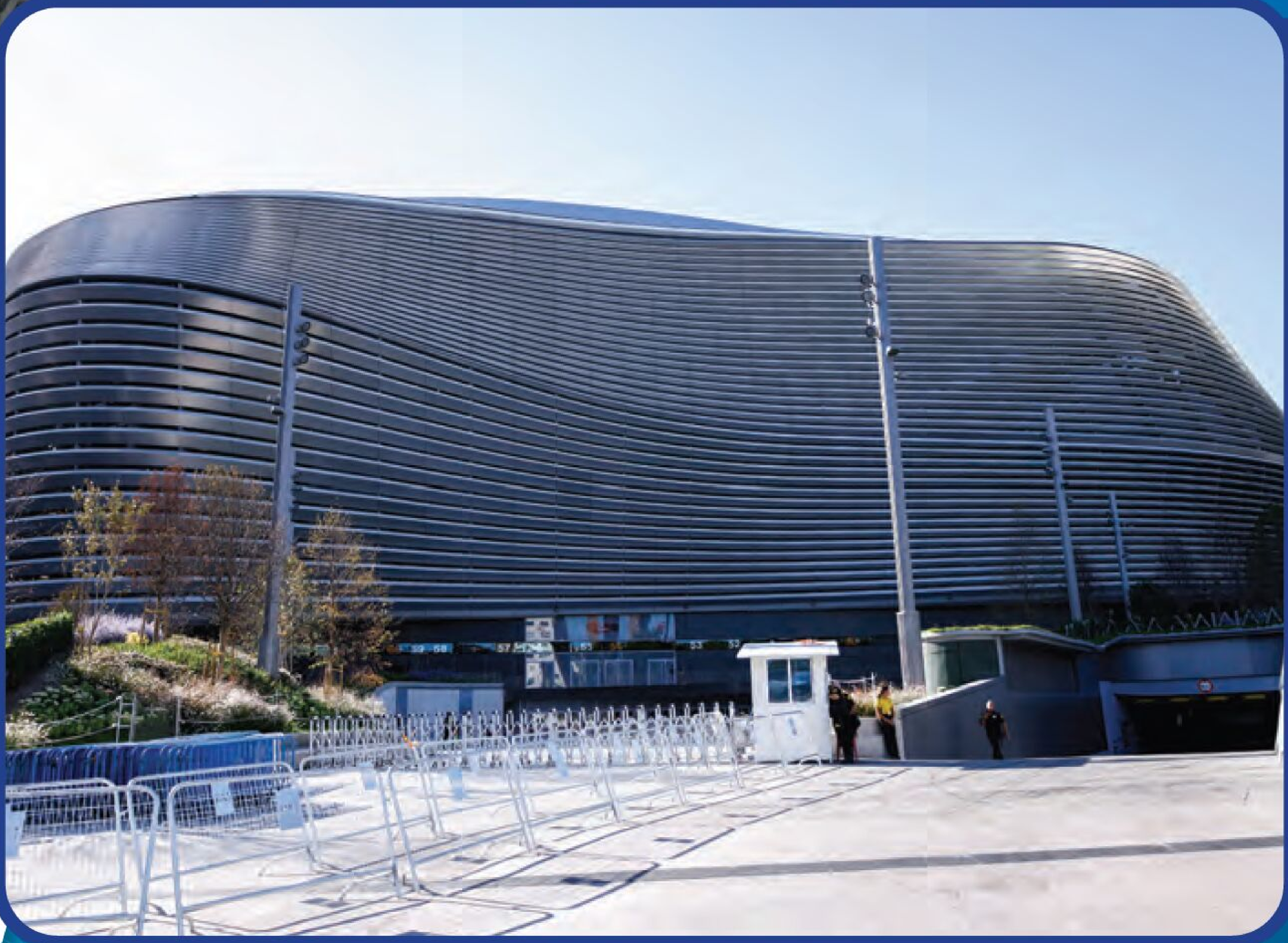
In international football, they've won a record 34 trophies which includes a record-breaking 15 European Cup/UEFA Champions League titles.

They're one of three founding members of La Liga that have never been relegated from the top flight, the others being Barcelona and Athletic Bilbao.

Raúl holds the record for most Real Madrid appearances, having played a whopping 741 first-team matches from 1994 to 2010.

Real Madrid's biggest rivalry is with Barcelona with the fixture known as El Clásico which means "The Classic".

They've broken the world transfer fee record four times in their history: In 2000, **Luís Figo** was bought from Barcelona for £54 million, in 2001 **Zinedine Zidane** arrived for £69.75 million, it was **Cristiano Ronaldo** that signed in 2009 for £80 million, while in 2013 **Gareth Bale** cost £85.3 million.



■ Holding over 81,000 people, The Santiago Bernabéu is the third largest stadium in Europe behind the Camp Nou and Wembley. It also had a retractable roof installed in 2023 which retracts in 15 minutes.

As stadium tours go, Real Madrid has one of the best. If you get a chance to visit, you'll see an awesome trophy exhibition, take part in a Walk of Legends, walk pitch side and take your seat in the dugout.

■ **Cristiano Ronaldo** is their all-time top goalscorer with an astounding 450 goals in 438 matches. Contained within the 450 goals are an extraordinary 44 hat-tricks – another Real record!

■ Their record win came way back in 1943 when they defeated arch-rivals Barcelona 11-1!

Fly Emirates

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Fly Emirates

■ Atlético Madrid are Real Madrid's city rivals, and the teams have faced off in nearly 250 matches over the years. Real have enjoyed more success, winning nearly twice as many matches as their rivals.

■ They are the most valuable football club in the world, worth over £1 billion and topping the 2024 rankings ahead of Manchester City and Barcelona.

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DESIGN A FOOTBALL STRIP!

Design a slick new kit for your top football team! Use your favourite colours and patterns to create something unique and eye-catching. You could give a nod to your club's history or create something totally brand new that nobody's ever seen before. Don't forget to include your team's logo!

WHOA! WHAT A STRIP!

FUN FACT!

Lionel Messi's jersey was the best-selling football shirt in 2024!

DID YOU KNOW?

The earliest historical record of football clothing is from 1526, when **King Henry VIII's** Great Wardrobe mentioned football boots!

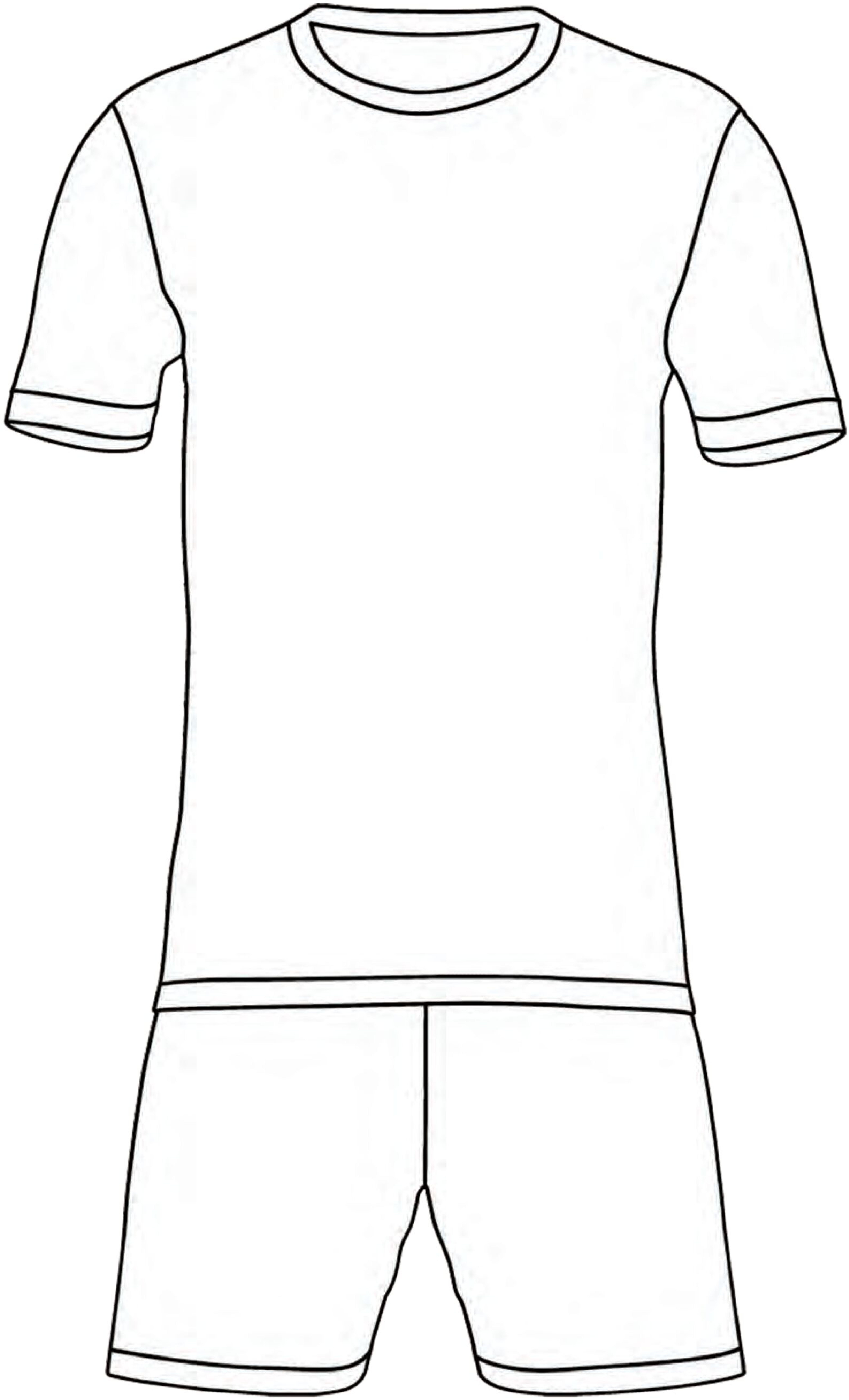
NEED INSPIRATION?

THERE ARE PLENTY OF ICONIC AND COLOURFUL KITS OUT THERE! IF YOU'RE STUCK, WHY NOT USE THESE KITS AS INSPIRATION?

BORUSSIA DORTMUND

GIRONA

WERDER BREMEN



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FOOTBALL'S GREATEST RIVALRIES

The noisiest, most passionate matches in football always feature the biggest and most historic rivalries. Check out five worth watching!

DERBY DELLA MADONNINA

The derby between AC Milan and Inter Milan is another which divides the city. It's made all the more special by the fact both share the famous San Siro stadium, taking turns to be the home team. In terms of matches, Inter shade the rivalry having won more matches, however, AC Milan have the edge when it comes to trophies, including seven European Cups versus Inter's three.

SUPERCLÁSICO

This fierce rivalry takes place between the two most popular and successful clubs in Argentina – Boca Juniors and River Plate. Whether it takes place at Boca's La Bombonera stadium or River's El Monumental, the noise, pyrotechnics, fireworks and iconic kits all lead to an extraordinary sight.

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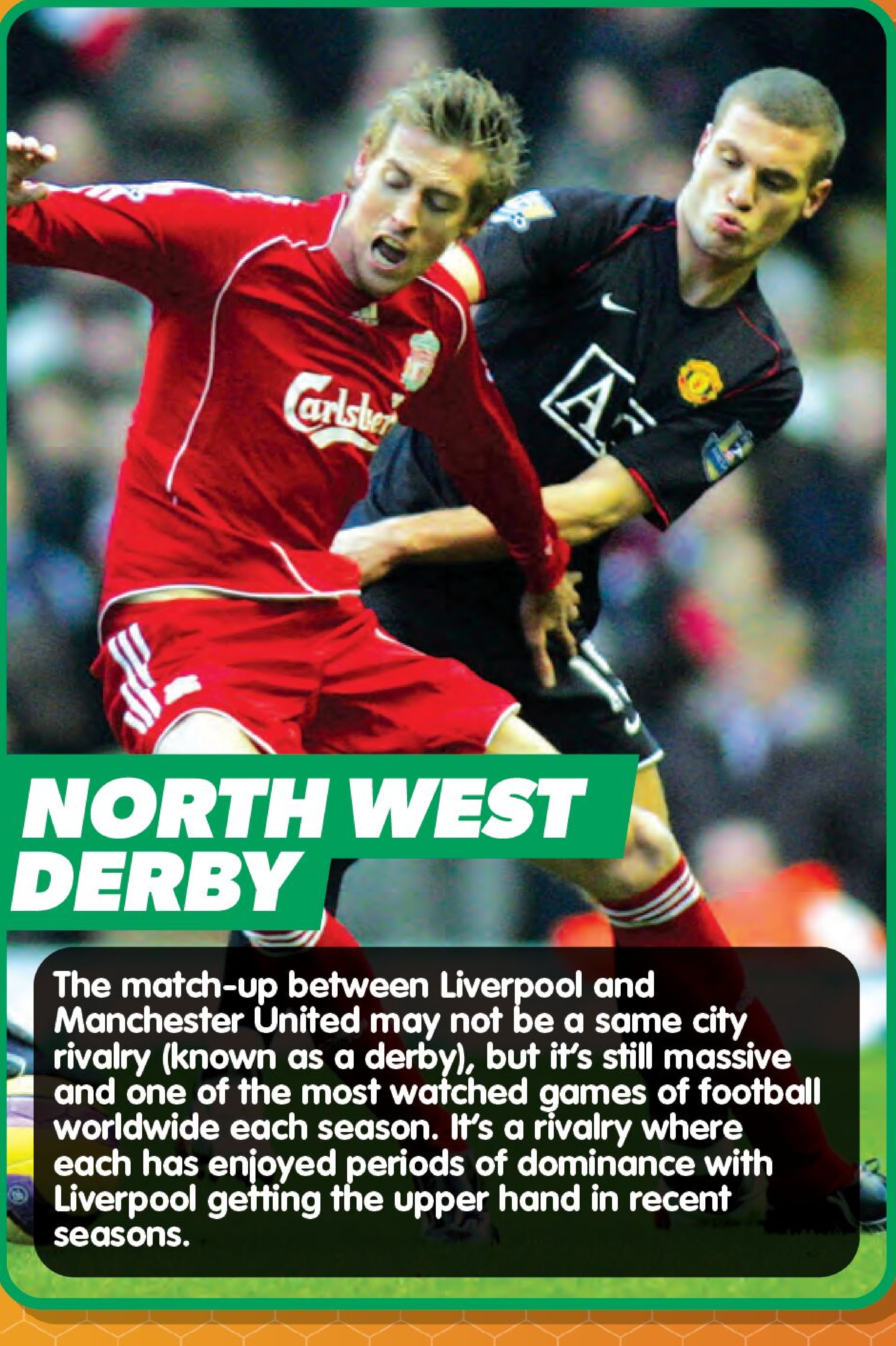
EL CLÁSICO

The match-up between Real Madrid and Barcelona, known as El Clásico, is one of the most iconic rivalries in football. Both sides have huge worldwide fanbases and are often competing for domestic and European trophies every season. The list of players to have played in this fixture over the years reads like a who's who of greatest players, now spearheaded by a new generation of talent such as **Vini Jr.**, **Mbappé**, **Yamal** and **Pedri**.



NORTH WEST DERBY

The match-up between Liverpool and Manchester United may not be a same city rivalry (known as a derby), but it's still massive and one of the most watched games of football worldwide each season. It's a rivalry where each has enjoyed periods of dominance with Liverpool getting the upper hand in recent seasons.

GLASGOW DERBY

The rivalry between Celtic FC and Rangers FC is one of the oldest rivalries in football with their first meeting taking place in 1888. They've gone on to play well over 400 matches against each other and dominate Scottish football in the process, collectively winning over 230 trophies, with Celtic leading the head-to-head in match wins.

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CAREER KICK-OFF!

Coolest. Jobs. EVER!

BUSINESS MANAGER! You might think football is all about the players on the pitch, but what happens behind the scenes is super-important. Business Managers are often responsible for the club's finances, securing sponsorship deals, and promoting the club. All these things help make the team stronger!

GROUNDSKEEPER! You can't play football without a pitch! Groundskeepers ensure that the pitch is well-maintained and safe to play on, as well as keeping any training pitches in top condition too. They might even be responsible for roads and car parks too, making them vital to any club!

COACHING STAFF!

Coaches come up with the team's strategies and training plans, allowing them to play to the best of their ability. Not only will you need to have an elect understanding of the game to be a coach, but you'll also need to be a strong team leader that your players trust!

MANCHESTER UNITED
MANCHESTER UNITED
MANCHESTER UNITED
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PHYSIOTHERAPIST!

Football can be tough on even the fittest athlete's body — that's where physiotherapists come in! Not only can they help players rehab injuries and get back to match fitness, but they can also work to prevent injuries and improve player performance, too!

SCOUT!

Fancy watching games for a living? Then scouting might be for you! Scouts are always on the lookout for new talent that can strengthen their club's side. This involves watching games, evaluating potential players and making recommendations to the club.

COMMUNITY MANAGER!

Community Managers help to build the relationship between the club and the town or city they're based in. This might mean organising events to promote the club, managing social media accounts to interact with fans, or even raising money for local charities!

SPORTS MEDIA!

From television to newspapers, radio to social media, there are so many ways to get involved in the media side of football! Commentators, broadcasters, camera operators, photographers, journalists, podcasters, sound technicians... the list of possible media careers goes on – and on!

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DID YOU KNOW?

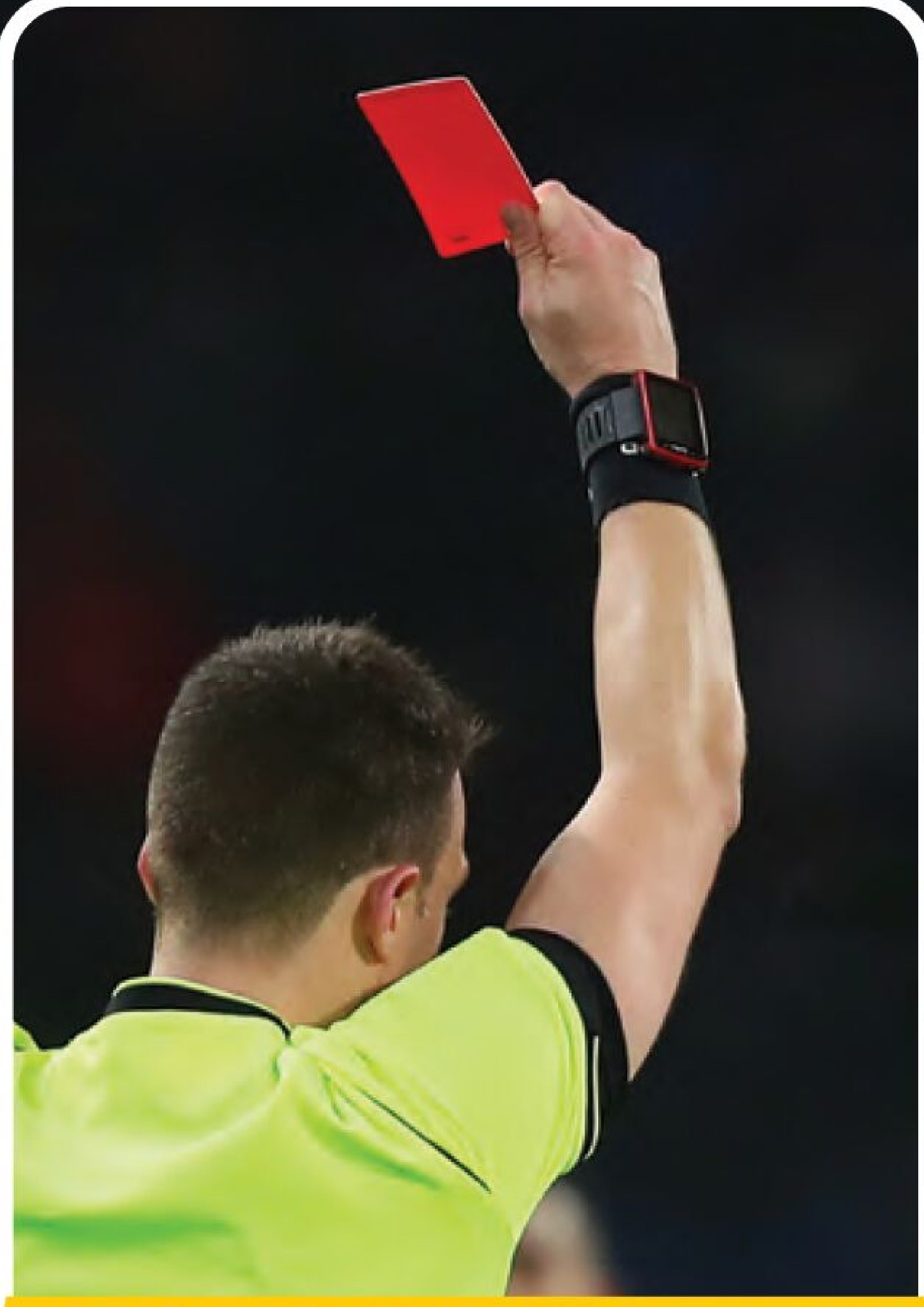
Don't blow the whistle just yet! Check out these final football facts!

THE AWARD GOES TO...

Lionel Messi! With a total of 41 records to his name, **Lionel Messi** has been awarded the most Guinness World Records in football.

WHAT A HOOT!

The Finnish football team's mascot, **Bubi**, was inspired by a real-life eagle owl who flew downs and perched itself on the team's goalpost during their 2008 Euros qualifier match with Belgium. The unfazed owl paused play for 6 minutes!



FOUL BEHAVIOUR!

Keith Gillespie of Sheffield United is the only player to have ever been given a red card before even starting play.

INK-REDIBLE PREDICTIONS!

A German octopus named **Paul** correctly predicted the outcomes of seven of Germany's World Cup matches in 2008, becoming an instant hero among fans!

BEST FOOT FORWARD!

Some players are more superstitious than others – **Cristiano Ronaldo** will always step onto the pitch right foot first!

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